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# A HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

of

## HANS BAUER And His Descendants

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*Hail to posterity!  
Let the young generations yet to be  
Look kindly upon this.  
Think how your fathers left their native land,-  
O sacred hearths and homes!-  
And, where the wild beast roams,  
In patience planned  
New forest-homes beyond the mighty sea,  
There undisturbed and free  
To live as brothers of one family.  
What pains and cares befell,  
What trials and what fears,  
Remember, and wherein we have done well  
Follow our footsteps, men of coming years!*

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## *Preface*

This is the story of one immigrant to America and his descendants. It is a historical record of human life compiled and written by two very human beings who are by no means infallible. Written history is basically the recording of facts, but when an author attempts to recreate those facts it becomes fiction.

Therefore, this history of Hans Bauer is also fiction, based upon as many facts as it was possible for us to ascertain. We have spent many happy hours, traveled many weary miles, and established a great many real friendships in our search for these facts. Our chief concern has been to relate the living experiences of the Bauer descendants who left Pennsylvania to emigrate farther west, to Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and even parts of Kansas and Iowa. Henry S. Bower and Ralph B. Strassburger have already left a record of those who stayed in Berks and Montgomery Counties. To each of these historians we owe a debt of gratitude it would be impossible to repay.

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To you who may read the following pages we say, "Blest be the tie that binds." May you receive a real thrill in becoming acquainted with your first ancestor. May his story give your spirits a lift and your heart new courage to face the living of these days. May you feel between the lines the warm glow of our happiness in being able to preserve a bit of human history for posterity.

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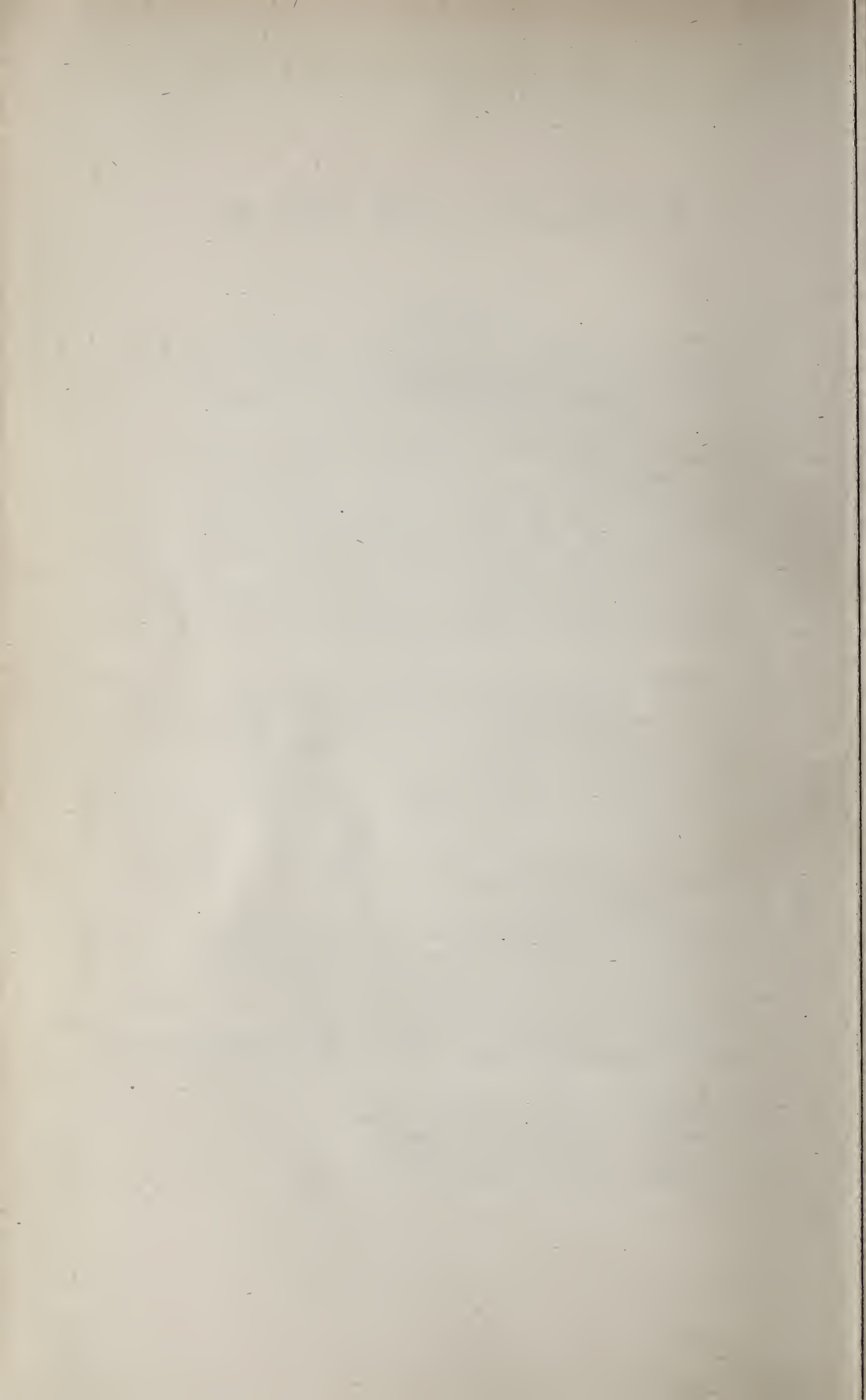
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Sigriswill, 1711, in the vicinity of Oberhofen on Lake Thun in the Bernese Alps. Ancestral  
home of Anne Willener Bauer, first immigrant.





A view of the "Butterahl" north of Clayton, Pa., showing the western rim of the valley in the distance and the New Goshenhoppen Creek in the foreground.





Grave Marker of Hans Bauer, First Immigrant, Schwenkfelder Burying Ground east of Clayton, Pa.



Hereford Mennonite Church, Bally, Pa., showing a corner of the old Burying Ground. Congregation organized 1725. Present structure erected in 1899.



# TRAIL INTO A STRANGE LAND

*"And thus the Old and New World reached their hands  
Across the water, and the friendly lands  
Talked with each other from their severed strands."*

Hans Bauer, exile from Europe and first immigrant to America, left his home in Switzerland on July 13, 1711, and started out upon a trail which would eventually lead him across the high seas and into a strange and far-off land. It was a trail conceived in misery and grief, but Hans' journey along that trail was to become a holy pilgrimage, the goal a new life in America, the "land of the free and the home of the brave," where all people could live together in peace and harmony.

The trail really began in the early days of the Reformation when religious thinking fell into three distinct patterns. There were the Catholics who remained loyal to the Papacy at Rome, the Church People who fought incessantly against the political power vested in the Catholic Church, and the Anabaptists or "Plain People" who were repelled by the moral and spiritual decay of the Holy Roman Empire. It was an age of bitterness and religious intolerance which always breeds persecution of individuals and war between groups. Catholics and Church People fought each other in the courts and on the battlefield. The Anabaptists were persecuted and prosecuted by both Catholics and Church People whenever there was need for a political scapegoat.

These "Plain People" who professed and practiced plain and simple living split up into a number of sects, chief among them being the Moravians, the Baptists, the Amish, and the Mennonites. Most of them were located along the Rhine from the Alps to the Zuider Zee. They emigrated back and forth along the Rhine and its tributaries whenever persecution by a hostile government became intolerable. The weak among them either gave up their religion or were assimilated by a new environment and lost. The strong became either martyrs or pioneers.

In 1709, the Governor of Canton Bern, Switzerland, passed on to his subjects a new mandate which offered a reward to anyone who would bind and bring to the police any person known to be an avowed Mennonite. Since then life had become one horror after another for all the people of Anabaptist faith. It had even become dangerous for them to set foot off their own property. Especially was it precarious to go into town for supplies because a Mennonite hunter was sure to be loitering on the bridge, anxious to waylay and capture any member of the faith that he could detect. If that happened, the poor captive soon found a rope around his neck and himself hauled off to Bern and thrown into jail where his right hand was shackled to the cold damp stones of the jailhouse and where he was given nothing but bread and water to eat. Worse yet, he had no way of sending a message to his loved ones. It was sheer torture.

Eventually, the prisoner was taken before the "Baptist Chamber." There, he would be sentenced to serve as a galley slave on some filthy Italian warship, which was death in life; or to live in exile in either Holland or one of the farflung English colonies. Each prisoner in turn prayed for exile for there was no escape from an Italian "Man of War." It was always possible, on the other hand, to find a way back from Holland as the Dutch Brethren were both helpful and sympathetic. The Governor of Bern had said, "These Mennonites are the most contrary people known. As long as they have life they'll find their way back home and try to convert others."

In the short span of one year the suffering among the Anabaptist people had become so acute that the Dutch Brethren through their "States General" demanded an explanation from the Governor of Bern.

The Swiss political machine in 1711 was dominated by the Reformed Church hierarchy who thoroughly despised the Mennonites and their pious living. In the first place their insistence upon adult baptism was obnoxious to the Protestant Church fathers. In the second place these non-conformers were unbelievably stubborn about the payment of civil tithes, and they were so vociferous in their denuncia-



tion of universal military service that they had become a menace to both church and state.

Consequently, in answer to the Holland protest, the Bernese Governor demanded that all Mennonites either give up their religion or leave Switzerland forever, never to set foot again upon their native soil. The members refused to budge. Five hundred of their leaders were either thrown into jail in the city of Bern or separated from their wives and children and shipped to far away places. Men and women were afraid to leave their houses. They sat there waiting, sick with anxiety and fear, their children looking on with wide curious eyes.

The King of Prussia, hearing of their plight, offered them sanctuary in Brandenburg which had been laid waste by an epidemic of fever, but the members were unenthused. They feared the pestilence and were wary of becoming slaves under the whip of Prussian landowners.

Finally, the Mennonite Church in Holland took the situation in hand. They collected money from the Dutch Brethren and, under the leadership of a man by the name of George Ritter, they had five ships built in Switzerland, and made preparation for a mass evacuation of all Mennonites from the Canton Bern. Now the burning question was — would the Swissers leave their homes and land? Would they abandon their beloved churches and ancient burying grounds. Many of their families had lived in the same locality for over 700 years. Would it be possible to tear up roots that had been put down so deep?

Hans Bauer, a vine grower, was born in 1670, in one of the lovely green valleys that fanned out from the town of Oberhofen, on the Lake of Thun, in the Swiss Alps. Although a Reformed himself, around 1700, he married Anne Willener, a Mennonite. Like many other Reformed people in Canton Bern, he had never been in sympathy with the persecution of Anabaptists carried on by his government, and ever since his marriage into the Mennonite Congregation he had willingly borne the mark of their suffering.

Now, he and Anne were tortured by the decision that was being forced upon them. The Reformed who were wedded to Mennonites were permitted to emigrate to Holland with their spouses, and also to take their children with them, on the condition they give up their Swiss citizenship and pay a 10 percent tax on any monies they took out of the country. If Hans refused to go, he and Anne faced certain separation and terrible punishment. If he went, they faced an uncertain and terrifying future.

It was a brisk cool evening in early April, 1711, when Hans and Anne started on foot down the valley road to the church meeting house. The hoar frost which covered the tree branches glimmered softly in the moonlight. It gave the whole valley a dreamlike quality. The landscape looked entirely different to them on this particular night because they suddenly realized how close they were to losing it forever. It looked different, and yet so very dear and familiar. There stood the little cheese house beside the spring, that Hans' great grandfather had built with his own hands. Higher up, their well-seasoned farmhouse clung to the mountainside, its thatched roof extending out over the walls as though to protect the brood beneath. Many babies had been born under its watchful care, and countless old folks had died in the shadow of its dignified and peaceful silence. Hans had never dreamed that his own children could be reared in any other place. He would not let himself think about it now. Instead he glanced down anxiously at his wife. She was walking along slowly beside him, drinking in the familiar landmarks along the road. The expression on her face was far too serious and too tense for a woman of Anne's age and temperament. She was only 34, seven years younger than he. How pretty she looked with her glowing cheeks and softly rounded body. Her face was like a heart and her eyebrows had character. Wisps of brown hair tangled with the brisk wind around the edge of her bonnet. She always said she was too short, but Swiss women were never very tall. It was good to have a wife that came only to a man's chin. It was good to be walking along together, just the two of them, on the way to church.



They were not alone for very long however. Soon the road was filled with their friends and neighbors. Some of them were walking four abreast. Ordinarily the cool night air would have rung with laughter and cheery greetings, but this night there was only silence and a few anxious queries. The Bishop of their conference had called a meeting of all the brethren to give them the details of the planned evacuation. Attendance at the meeting was compulsory for the Bishop's word was a law unto itself.

The church filled rapidly, with the members sitting on the benches or standing around the walls, stiff and tense. The men looked stubborn, the women a little ill. Some Amish Mennonites from up the valley had also been invited. These few acted eager, but all the rest were suspicious and obdurate. No one interrupted as the Bishop began his explanation. There would be a time for questions later.

He told them how the Holland Church had gone to great trouble and expense to have five sailing vessels built which would hold 100 passengers each. The ships would leave on the morning of July 13, from the ports of Bern and Nuenburg. That would give all of them time to dispose of their various properties. Any savings which they possessed the Bishop would send ahead to the church at Amsterdam where they could collect it when they arrived. The men were permitted to take their wives and children and a few treasured possessions. Careful lists of the emigrants would be kept by the Bernese Government, and if any of them ever attempted to return to Switzerland, terrible punishment would be meted out. They could remain in Holland until they were ready to move on to some other country.

Hans looked at the men around him. Their faces were hard and closed. They were his friends and relatives, but now they seemed like strangers. Already the Amish were eagerly signing their names to the Bishop's list. They filed out quickly, in a hurry to be about their business, but the others remained motionless and uncompromising. Hans felt trapped. He looked at his cousin Magdalena. Less than a year ago her husband had been unceremoniously dragged down the road by a band of Mennonite hunters and put in jail in Bern. Later she had



heard that he had been sold to an Italian slaver. If she could only know that he was dead. There she sat, her face wooden and vacant. Little did she care whether she went or stayed. What was there to live for, anywhere? Then he looked down at Anne who smiled up at him sweetly in perfect faith and love. He knew what was running through her mind - "whither thou goest I will go." He loved her so desperately. He could not bear for her ever to look like Magdalena. Then, he thought of his four small children and the one on the way. He wanted that baby and more children too. He wanted them to be a family, to laugh, to love and work together. Swiftly he made his decision — he would go. And suddenly he knew it was right that he should. He loved his homeland but he, Hans, had too much to live for.

Without any more hesitation he stepped to the front of the room and signed the list, Hans and Anne Bauer. Anne made her mark and they left without a word to anybody. His neighbors looked past him as though he were a traitor.

At the port of Bern, the ships were crowded to the rails. On deck boxes and bundles were piled high. On some of the larger bundles were seated the old and the infirm, looking lost and alone, whimpering softly to themselves. Babies were fretting with the heat and the noise of embarkation. As the boats floated down the Aare, the men stood close to their wives for comfort, while the children hid in their mothers' full skirts. The eyes of all were full of tears as they watched the shore line glide along. They looked until their eyes ached at the green hills and silvercrested mountains they would never forget. The old looked backwards, but the young and the strong already were looking forward, thinking of the adventure that lay ahead. Hans and Anne were both young and strong.

There were many on board who looked back and reconsidered. They were the ones who, in the act of departing, turned out to be either too weak and cowardly to go on into an uncertain future or too loyal and devout to abandon the church they loved so well. Whatever the reason, a large number decamped at the town of Basel which was the last port where the ships would dock before they left Switzerland. It

was true what the Governor had said - "These Mennonites are the most stubborn people."

In all, four ships holding 346 adults and 147 children dropped anchor at Amsterdam early in August, 1711. The Dutch Brethren were kind and sympathetic, but it was quite a problem, what to do with these Swissers during the winter. Temporarily they were housed in the Daudhoek and the Zaudlock, 2 large warehouses which had been transformed into huge barracks and supplied with the necessary bedding, blankets, utensils, victuals, and beverages. Everything that was needed was brought in large quantities, and the sick and infirm received special attention. It was a hospitable reception in every sense. Before the month was up, however, they were put on board ship once more for distribution among the coastal towns which had offered to give them a temporary home. Already the Zuider Zee was churning with high angry waves. Many of the exiles became desperately ill as the boats tossed and strained from one village to the next. Hans and Anne were one of the last families to disembark. They were settled at an inland village called Sappemeer, near Groningen. It was protected from the winds and waves of the coastal area and looked like heaven to the weary travelers after their long and tedious journey.

There were 8 families, in all, and one spinster farmed out at Sappemeer. They were: Peter Lehner, Ulrich Roth, Jacob Stahli, Christ Stutzman, Niklaus Teuscher, Hans Tschabold, Peter Krahenbuhl, Hans Bauer, and the single, Elsbeth Tschabold.

One of the brethren in the village took Hans and Anne into his own home where they were treated kindly, like members of the family. They remained there until after the new baby was born. Hans' heart was full. The Christ-child had only a stable, but he and Anne had found a warm and comfortable home in their time of need. Soon they would have a place of their own.

During his stay in Sappemeer, Hans worked as a farm hand. His little family grew and prospered and he was considered a very devout and industrious member of the Mennonite community. At the end of two years he began to look about for a farm to buy, but land was at a



premium in Holland due to the influx of refugees from the Rhineland. One Sunday morning, at the church service, a visiting Bishop from Amsterdam distributed pamphlets among the members, that had been published by a European agent of William Penn. The pamphlet gave a glowing picture of the land of Penn in far off America. It offered special concessions to Mennonites because they were an industrious and God-fearing people. It promised them large grants of land at nominal fees, and best of all it guaranteed religious liberty and freedom of conscience to all people.

Hans, along with many other Swiss refugees in Holland, had been dissatisfied for some time because they were forced to abide by the edicts of the Dutch Mennonite Church. Especially distasteful to them was the ruling which sanctioned the payment of civil tithes. Therefore, after much discussion and prayerful meditation, Hans and several other Swissers in Sappemeer decided to make up a small emigration party and take their families to America, where land was to be had for the asking and a man could worship as he pleased. In 1721, the Burgomaster of Groningen wrote to the church authorities at Amsterdam informing them that the Swiss exiles under his jurisdiction needed no more financial assistance. The families settled in that area had either been assimilated into the Dutch community or had left for America.

Sometime during the year 1714-1715, a staunch little sailing vessel left Rotterdam and, weeks later, dropped anchor at the port of Philadelphia, in the land of Penn. It was battered and weatherworn but somehow triumphant as it settled down beside the dock for a much needed rest. As the weary passengers, weighted down with babies and bundles, moved slowly down the gangplank their hearts were full to overflowing with thankfulness to God for his protection, and love for the gallant little ship that had brought them safely across the high seas. They huddled together on the pier, hesitating to leave the one remaining link which they had with the past. They were a motley company made up of religious exiles, adventurers, and land speculators. There were a number of pious Moravians dressed in solemn hue; some quiet Quakers in their soft gray garb; several Dutch pa-



troons in fancy attire, accompanied by their colored slaves; and a pompous representative of the Queen of England, conspicuous in fine satin and lace. On the edge of the group was a small party of drab but starry-eyed Mennonites, among them the Hans Bauer family.

While the immigrants were trying to decide what to do next, a representative of William Penn suddenly appeared to bid them welcome to America, and to offer any assistance which they might need. He advised the Mennonites to go directly up the river to Germantown, a Palatine settlement, where they could get in touch with their own people and find temporary lodging. A flat boat was leaving the next morning, which would give them just time to buy a few necessities and make arrangements with the boatswain.

The dirt packed streets of Philadelphia were teeming with life. Here, one could feel the heart-beat of the interior. Here, the door stood open to the west. The little Bauer boys bounced along with excitement. Anne was fascinated by the women in their Quaker dress and bonnet which was the perfect symbol of the humble piety that she herself professed. Hans marveled at the fat oxen and powerful horses being led down the middle of the street to the auction block. He fairly tingled with the anticipation of things to come. Shops and taverns lined the streets, and stretching out in every direction were long rows of log houses. They were sturdy houses, built square to the wind, with a huge stone chimney at either end. It was a crude kind of Georgian architecture transplanted in the heart of the wilderness that was America.

The next morning the Bauer family crowded onto the flat boat with the other immigrants and a Dutch trader who were bound for Germantown. Upon their arrival they were assigned to a small cabin by the Mennonite congregation. There was always an empty cabin available as Germantown was only a stopover for most of the newly arrived immigrants who were anxious to acquire land of their own in the interior. Life in Germantown was difficult but invigorating. There were few physical comforts to be had, but the blessed wonder of being free from the fear of persecution more than made up for any physical suffering which they might endure. The danger from wild animals

was as nothing compared to the danger from religious fanatics and political police which they had experienced in the old country.

The German settlers in the town were friendly, industrious, and helpful. In no time at all Hans found work to do, and he and Anne led a busy frontier life. They became acquainted with the Indians whom they found to be strong, hardy, mild in manner, and peacefully inclined. The Mennonite and Indian children played together, especially foot races and wrestling. The little Bauer boys came in one day and wanted to take off their clothes like their playmates much to Anne's embarrassment. The Indian chiefs would laugh uproariously when their children would excel. It was not until the French and Indian War, after the white man had given the Indians rum and guns, that frontier massacres began to take place. In the evenings the brethren would gather in one of the cabins and, before a huge fireplace, would sing and worship together or just sit quietly, talking over old times, gossiping about the latest news from the Rhineland, or looking ahead into the future.

It was a good life, but Hans was determined to get permanently settled in some Mennonite community in the interior. He had heard of a new congregation located in the great Goshenhoppen Valley, so about 1725, in company with a number of other Swissers, he left Germantown and emigrated farther to the north. The little company, of necessity, traveled slowly as they were accompanied by their wives and children, impeded by cattle and chickens, and encumbered with farm tools and heavy sacks of grain for planting. They traveled on foot and never made more than eight miles a day. They followed the creeks and Indian trails until they reached the Perkiomen valley. Working their way carefully up the valley, they eventually came to the junction of the Perkiomen with the Skippack. Then changing their course they followed the Skippack until, at last, they arrived at the small Mennonite settlement they had been seeking.

The Skippack congregation had already built a school and meeting house, and would soon be ready to make application for a township. While spending the winter among the brethren along the Skippack,



the Swissers found diversion during the long evenings listening to the tales of a vast new territory which was opening up to the west and north along the upper Perkiomen. This region was called New Goshenhoppen, and already some of their members had emigrated in that direction - Landises, Zieglers, Shellys, Heistands, Bears, and Oberholtzers.

With the coming of spring, Hans and Anne decided to follow these others, since the choicest land around the Skippack had already been homesteaded. They made careful preparation, for they both realized that, at last, they were nearing the end of their pilgrimage. They would travel light, for the trip would be arduous and fraught with danger because of the wildness of the country. They bartered with an Indian guide to show them the way. Their family had grown since coming to America, so that now there was young Michael, Barbara, and the baby Susannah to provide for. Sammy had grown to be as tall as his father. He was now in his late teens with the strength and stature of a man. He and his two younger brothers, Hans and Abe, would travel on foot with their father, but Michael who was still a child would go with his mother and the girls by canoe whenever the creeks were navigable. The guide would handle the canoe and chart their course.

It was the middle of April before they were ready to start. The trees were fuzzy with bursting buds, and the creeks swollen by spring rains. They started out along the forest trail which crossed the divide between the Skippack and the Perkiomen. As soon as they reached the Perkiomen, the men and boys dug out the first of several canoes which would transport Anne and the children up the long and oft-times treacherous creek. In the bottom of the canoe they spread their winter bedding. Anne sat at one end holding Susannah in her arms, at her feet a precious sack of garden seeds and a bundle of clothing. At the other end was the Indian, gracefully poised and ready for action. The two smaller children were tucked in between with only their heads showing above the hollowed-out edge. They were all eyes and ears, clutching tight in their hands a little package of food for the day.

Silently and swiftly the Indian began to paddle them upstream against a strong and unpredictable current. Hans and the boys walked along the animal trail which followed the bank of the creek. Hans went first, leading a fine mare that was loaded down with precious grain for their first planting. Sammy came next, pushing and prodding a very reluctant cow. The other boys carried burlap sacks which were strangely lumpy with a number of rebellious chickens and honking geese. It was a strange journey through the wilderness, one they would never forget, filled with terrifying noises by night and weird silences by day. They passed the time by repeating Bible verses, singing hymns, and doing simple sums. They watched the animals along the water's edge and learned to recognize the different varieties of bush and bird. They ate their fill of wild turkey and fish, for nature was bountiful in this virgin paradise.

It was the first of May when they reached the upper Perkiomen valley where they found a settlement of German Reformed, Lutherans and Mennonites living and worshiping together in peace and harmony, but some higher power urged them to go on. The settlers spoke of a beautiful valley with tall trees and rich soil which was farther to the west, in the foothills of the Blue Mountains that they could see in the distance. Hans lingered only long enough to replenish their supplies and once more they headed west. Following a branch of the Perkiomen, they kept their eyes glued to the mountains on the horizon. Now, both men and animals moved more quickly, as though homeward bound. In the canoe the children talked in excited whispers, and the shadow lifted from Anne's face. She was so very tired, but soon now they could rest.

They were traveling through a pass in the green hills when suddenly there it was, right before their very eyes—a valley that they could call home. It looked just exactly like the little Swiss valley that tumbled down into the Lake of Thun, where they had been born and raised. Only the towering snow-caps were missing. They all stopped, entranced with the view. The guide rested his paddle while the canoe rocked gently with the current. Hans laid his burden down; the children stared in wonder; even the animals stood still; Anne brushed



away the tears from her eyes. Here they would build a new life, and put down their roots. The chain of mountains to the west was covered with a blue haze that shimmered in the warm May sunshine giving the whole valley an ethereal beauty. Tall green trees spread out in every direction, with a sparkling mountain stream meandering along in their midst like a crumpled ribbon. Now, they were all anxious to walk. There was a buoyancy to their steps that had been missing for a long time. Hans and Sammy lifted the two youngest in their arms and led the way. They saw no signs of habitation as they followed the guide who strode on ahead beneath the trees. Now and then they waded across a stream of cold spring water. Even the baby laughed aloud.

They had walked for at least a mile when they came across a well-defined trail, almost wide enough for a wagon, which led them to a small Mennonite settlement. This was the Hereford Congregation, made up of settlers from Bucks County, from Skippack and the upper Perkiomen region. Close by the spot where a mountain spring emptied into the New Goshenhoppen Creek they had built a meeting house and established a burying ground. The Brethren greeted the Bauer family with tears and rejoicing as they were starved for news. Joyfully they welcomed them into their homes and distributed the boys among the various members until Hans could look over the land and build a cabin of his own. Before winter had set in he and the boys had finished their first real home and harvested their first crop.

Hans made his first purchase of 150 acres on January 29, 1734. The land was located about one mile north of the Hereford meeting house and was a part of the great Manatawny tract of 25,000 acres. It adjoined the Humphrey Hill land, a 600 acre tract known as Douglas Manor. On this farm of 150 acres, Hans established his homestead where he lived to the day of his death. On a knoll overlooking the road, he built a log cabin and some years later, at the same spot, built a two-story house with stone chimneys at either end. The following year he put up a Swiss bank barn to house his live stock. The gable ends were built out of stone which was quarried from the mountain side on Hans' own property. His buildings faced



the mountains which were only a field's distance away, so close in fact, you could almost put out your hand and touch the fragrant blue pines which covered the softly rolling hills like a blanket. Hans and the boys soon cleared the land between the buildings and the mountains. When cleared, it lay like a large flat basin and made a beautiful meadow. It was watered by mountain springs that gurgled up out of the ground all over the bottom. One even found its way into the root cave beneath the house and on under the wall, emptying finally into the New Goshenhoppen. Right in the midst of the meadow Hans and the boys planted, with loving hands, some young pine trees which would one day stand like towering sentinels, pointing the way home.

As the boys reached maturity and married, Hans acquired more land. In 1742, he took out a warranty claim on 105 acres adjoining the homestead to the south. There he established Abraham and his family. This farm was finally secured by patent in 1786, by Abraham's son Isaac, long after Hans had died.

In 1743, he purchased 215 acres which adjoined the homestead to the east. He bought it from a Henry Hopkinson who was agent for the Humphrey Hill land. Hans Jr. and his family lived on 134 acres of this tract, and Sammy farmed the remaining 78 acres. From the back of his house Hans could look down the valley, keeping watch over his children and grandchildren, their flocks, and their fields. At this time Michael and the girls still lived at home. In the spring of 1747, Hans Jr. died while yet a young man and Michael, having no house of his own, took over his brother's farm and buildings. In all, the Bauer family owned about 500 acres of adjoining land situated along the valley road. As late as 1786, the land was known as "Bowersburg." It was located in Washington Township, Berks County, and today lies immediately north of Bally, on both sides of Penna. route 100.

The valley, which is 3 miles long and one-half mile wide, extends from Schultzville to Treichlersville. It became known as the "Buttertahl" so called because "tahl" means valley and the "butter" stands for the delicious product which the pioneers in the valley sold to the Philadelphians for years. The women churned the butter and molded

it into fancy pats. One of the unmarried girls would pack it in her saddle bags, wrapped in cool green leaves to preserve its freshness, and riding side saddle she would travel all day and all night in order to arrive at the farmers' market before the people of Philadelphia were stirring. Barbara and Susannah Bauer often made this trip. Never once were they molested or harmed in any way.

Hans Bauer, first immigrant, followed a trail into a strange land. He established a God-fearing and industrious pioneer family, and became one of the founders of a free nation, where the freedom of the individual to think his own thoughts has always had precedence over the will of the majority. He raised 6 children in the Mennonite faith. Two of them were destined to blaze a trail farther west, but Hans' work was done. He had reached his goal. His pilgrimage was ended. He died during the winter of 1748-1749, and was buried in a small Schwenkfelder burying ground situated on the farm of his good friend and neighbor, a George Shultz.

The Cemetery is one mile due east of Clayton, on the county line between Berks and Montgomery Counties which follows the eastern rim of the Buttertahl. It is located high on a hill top and looks out over beautiful fields which gently fall away to a long row of trees in the valley below. The grave stones are enclosed by a low stone wall which is shaded on one side by a border of ancient pine trees. Hans' first marker was a common red field stone with the initials H. B. cut into the smooth side. Today there is a small marble slab, placed there by his descendants, with the words "First Immigrant" marking the place where he was laid to rest. When he died, Hans left a will dated Oct. 27, 1748, in which he named his wife and all six of his children. Even in death he was much concerned over the welfare of those he loved.

### WILL OF HANS BAUER, 1748

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. Whereas I Hans Bauer of Colebrookdale in the county of Philadelphia Yeoman do find myself weak as to bodily Health but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be the Lord for the same, And considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life and present weakness



of my Body, have therefore as Customary resolved to Order and Settle my Worldly affairs and to Make this my Last Will & Testament and I do hereby make the Same and desire the same may be taken and accounted as such, And the same is as follows IMPRIMIS I do ordain concerning my beloved Wife, (Anne) That she shall during her Natural Life have Lodging and free Priviledge to live in my dwelling House and on This My Plantation where I now Dwell, and also all Necessarys of Life, in victuals and Apparell &c: all which my two sons Michael and Abraham shall sufficiently Provide for her out of my said Plantation AND furthermore That if my said Wife should not like to stay here on my Plantation then they shall so Sufficiently Provide for her in manner aforesaid, at the Place where she shall Choose to Live, which Liberty she shall have. ITEM I give and devise unto my Son Samuel his heirs and Assigns forever all That Piece of Land unto him already Surveyed and whereon he now lives. \*\*\* Item I give and devise unto my two sons Michael and Abraham their Heirs and Assigns in Equal parts All that Plantation whereon I now Live Together with all my other Lands whatsoever in my Possession and all my Cattle great and small and the Household goods which I heretofore gave unto them. \*\*\* And WHEREAS there is an Improvement on part of last mentioned Land which I formerly gave into the possession of my Son Hans now deceased, \*\*\* which said Improvement I do hereby Intirely give unto my said two Sons Michael and Abraham and their Heirs forever, They paying the Sum of Forty Pounds unto the two Children of the said Hans deceased. \*\*\* AND WHEREAS my said son deceased did by his Last Will & Testament Constitute me as one of the Executors and Entrusted me with the Care and Education of his son Abraham. It is therefore my Strict Will That he shall, according to the Intent of the said recited Will, be Educated and maintained by my two Sons Michael and Abraham, And if he should, through the Distemper or fits he is now affected with, become Indigent, I oblige all my Children Equally to maintain him. \*\*\* Unto my Daughter Barbara I give the Sum of Forty Pounds Money and fifteen Pounds worth in household goods, and unto my daughter Susannah I give also the Sum of Forty Pounds and fifteen Pounds in Household Goods. \*\*\* And my Daughter Susannah shall also have the old Iron Stove a Cow our Chest and our Bed besides her share. \*\*\* IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand and Seal the 27th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1748.†

Witnesses

Johann Conrad  
Bob George Sholtze  
Christopher Sholtze

Signed  
Hans Bauer

† Will Book I, p. 77, Philadelphia, Pa.



# A SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE HANS BAUER ESTATE\*

An Account made and Conceded to the 26th Day of October Anno Domini 1750 - by Samuel Bower of Coolbrock Dale and George Sholtze of Upper Hanover in the County of Philadelphia and Province of Pennsylvania, Sole Executors of the last Will and Testament of Hans Bower.

## INVENTORY

	Pounds
The Real Estate now in Possession of Abraham and Michael Bower valued to .....	310
The Real Estate or Improvement formerly in Possession of Hans Bower the Younger now in Possession of Abraham and Michael Bower .....	60
The Real Estate now in Possession of Samuel Bower .....	92
Personalities Solely under the Hands of Abraham and Michael Bower .....	90
Sundry other Personalities as by the Inventory .....	12
Personalities which the said Hans Bower the elder before his death had given to his Son Hans Bower deceased .....	15
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The Estate Total amounts to .....	579

## DISBURSEMENTS

	Pounds
Debts .....	8
To Anne Bower - Widow .....	210
To Samuel Bower - Son .....	55
To the Heirs of Hans Bower Jr. - Son .....	66
To Abraham Bower - Son .....	55
To Barbara - Daughter .....	55
To Michael Bower - Son .....	55
To Susannah - Daughter .....	55
Cost of Executing the Estate .....	20
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Total Disbursements .....	579

Administrators  
Samuel Bauer  
George Sholtze

Register General  
William Plumstead  
Philadelphia, Penna.

\*Note: Information taken from original manuscripts in the possession of the Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsburg, Pa.

## CHILDREN OF HANS BAUER AND ANNE WILLENER

1. SAMUEL WILLENER BAUER, born circa 1708, married Barbara Landis, died 1762, buried Hereford Mennonite Cemetery at Bally, Pa.
2. Hans W. Bauer, born circa 1710, married Magdalena \_\_\_\_\_, died 1747, place of burial unknown.
3. Abraham W. Bauer, born circa 1712, married Anna \_\_\_\_\_, died 1760, buried Woodcock Valley, Huntington County, Pa.
4. Barbara W. Bauer, born circa 1716, married Casper Strohm of Hereford Twp., date of death and place of burial unknown.
5. Michael W. Bauer, born circa 1718, married Veronica Landis, died 1784, buried in the Hereford Mennonite Cemetery at Bally, Pa.
6. Susannah W. Bauer, born circa 1720, married John Kindig of Franconia Twp., date of death and place of burial unknown.

Note: Since the exodus of Hans and Anna Willener Bauer from Switzerland to Sappemeer, Holland, in 1711, has been established by historical records; since there is documentary evidence to prove that our first ancestors, Hans and Anne Bauer, settled in Berks County, Pa., in 1734; and since, according to legend, our first ancestors were Swiss Mennonites who migrated from Holland to Pennsylvania prior to 1717, we have assumed that they are one and the same people. However, to date, we have no authentic proof to substantiate our assumption.



## BLAZING A NEW TRAIL

*"The Indian trapper saw them, from the dim  
Shadow of the elder on the rivulet's rim,  
Seek the Great Spirit's house to talk with him."*

By the year 1800, only 50 years after Hans Bauer had died, his surname was lost to the Buttertahl. In those early days of our country the life span of a man was very short indeed, and there were many who died young before their families were firmly established. As for their descendants, pioneering was in their blood and they could not resist the temptation to move on to greener pastures. So it was with the Hans Bauer Family. Some of them died young, others left girls only, and still others helped to blaze a new trail farther to the west. According to a land release to the administrators of Hans Bauer's will dated Feb. 1, 1762, Barbara Bauer married Casper Strohm of Hereford Twp., and Susannah married John Kindig of Franconia Twp.

### HANS WILLENER BAUER

Hans W. Bauer, born circa 1710, married a young woman from the Buttertahl by the name of Magdalena, surname unknown. To them were born two children, Abraham and Anna Barbara. Hans Sr. gave them 134 acres of his Douglas Manor tract across the road from the original homestead. Hans W. died in the spring of 1747, while his children were still small. Evidently the boy Abraham was afflicted with some strange malady, for in his will Hans W. entrusted the care and education of his son Abraham, who was affected by "Distemper or fits," to his father. His will and inventory of his personal effects which amounted to 563 pounds was dated 1746. In his will he bequeathed one third of all his worldly goods to his widow Magdalena and the rest to be divided equally between his two children.

Hans Sr. died two years after his son and in his will he gave the farm where Magdalena still resided to his two sons Michael and Abraham on the condition that they would pay the widow and her two minor children 20 pounds each. He also bequeathed to them the

responsibility of maintaining and educating the ailing child, Abraham. If the child should ever become indigent Hans then obliged all of his children to maintain him.

Within the next two years, however, the widow Magdalena married a man from Montgomery County, an Isaac Sumney, who assumed the care of her two children. Together, Isaac and Magdalena Bauer Sumney founded the village of Sumneytown located about two miles northwest of the old Goshenhoppen Church in Montgomery County, and became active members of the Lutheran Congregation which met in this church. Evidently Abraham Bauer recovered from his ailment for he grew to manhood, married, and had four girls. Their names are given in the Lutheran baptismal records of the old Goshenhoppen Church. They are as follows: Magdalena 1766, Susanna 1769, Maria 1771, and Mary Catherine 1774. The grandparents, Magdalena and Isaac Sumney, were given as the sponsors in each case. If Abraham had no boys, as seems likely from the above records, the Bauer surname through Hans W. died with him.

## MICHAEL WILLENER BAUER

Michael W. Bauer, youngest son of Hans, the pioneer, was born circa 1718, and married Veronica Landis, a daughter of Johannes Landis who settled in Bucks County around 1717, and became one of the founders of the Swamp Mennonite Church near Shelly, Pa. He was thought to be a relative of Hans Bauer, his contemporary.

The name Fronica had come down in the Landis family through many generations. The story of the first Veronica or Verena Landis is told in the Martyr's Mirror. She was an elderly sister of a prominent Landis family near Zurich, Switzerland, who were followers of the Mennonite faith. In 1643, she was starved, persecuted, and kept a prisoner in her own house until death came to relieve her of all earthly suffering. Now, Fronica Landis Bauer had inherited her name.

She and Michael established their home on the farm which had originally been given to Hans W. by his father Hans Sr. There they eventually built a new house and barn. A supporting beam of that



first barn is still in existence today. It has been preserved as a part of the superstructure of the present barn on the Abram Ehst farm near Bally, Pa., which is the original Michael W. Bauer farm. The initials and date, 17 MB FB 69, are cut deep into the face of the beam and can be seen clearly from the barn floor. Abram Ehst is a direct descendant of Michael W. and Fronica Bauer. His farm has been in the same blood line for over 200 years.

Hans Sr. by his will bequeathed to Michael W. a half interest in both the Hans W. farm of 134 acres and the homestead plantation of 150 acres. The will was proved on Mar. 7, 1749. On April 5, 1749, George Schultz, executor of the will, transferred by deed the 134 acres to Michael W. and his brother Abraham W., the rightful heirs, and the next day, April 6, he transferred to them the original homestead tract of 150 acres. No division of the two farms was made until Christmas of 1751. On Dec. 24 of that year, the two boys divided the 134 acres leaving Michael W. with 108 acres and Abraham W. with 26 acres. On the day after Christmas they divided the 150 acres leaving Abraham W. with the front half where the homestead buildings were situated and Michael W. with the woodland which skirted the mountains at the back.

We know that Michael W. Bauer was an important member of the Buttertahl community as, in 1753, he was one of seven petitioners for the erection of a new township to be named Hereford Township. His name was on the Hereford tax list for both 1758 and 1759. To the union of Michael and Fronica was born one daughter, Anna, who was named for both of her grandmothers, Anne Bauer and Ann Landis. Upon reaching maturity she married a young man from Bucks County by the name of Christian Moyer. On the night of their wedding supper a band of Revolutionary soldiers entered the valley and ate all the delicious food which had been prepared for the guests.

Since Anna was an only daughter, the newly married couple lived with her parents and the two men farmed the Bauer farm together. In the year 1784, Michael W. and Fronica, facing old age, sold out to their son-in-law on the condition that they be taken care of for the

rest of their days. On July 7, 1784, they sold him their farm of 108 acres for 325 pounds, and the 75 acres which was their share of the homestead tract for 175 pounds. The next day, July 8, Christian Moyer, the son-in-law, signed an annuity agreement giving Michael and Fronica 100 pounds a year to be paid out of the income from the two plantations, and the privilege of living in the new house which was then under construction.

Michael W. died in the fall of 1784. He left a will dated June 17, 1784, which was proved Nov. 8, 1784. In his will he bequeathed his estate to his wife Veronica and his only daughter Anna Moyer. Veronica lived to be around 90 years old and outlived her own daughter by 14 years. She left a will which was administered in 1823, by her executor, Christopher Moyer, probably a grandson. Both she and Michael are no doubt buried in the Hereford burying ground at Bally, Pa.

Michael W. and Fronica may have had other children, but to-date no documentary proof has been found to verify the existence of any off-spring other than Anna, wife of Christian Moyer, who is mentioned in Michael's will as his only daughter. If Anna was his only child, then the Bauer surname through Michael W. was lost to posterity.

#### WILL OF MICHAEL WILLENER BAUER, 1784

In the Name of God Amen. I Michael Bauer of Hereford Township in Berks County & State of Penna Farmer, finding myself Thank God at present yet of good Health But taking in Consideration the Mortality of my Body & that it is just that I Concerning the Worldly Effects wherewith God hath blessed me to leave a Satisfactory Acknowledgement So I make & declare herewith my last Will and Testament this 17th day of June in the year of the Lord 1784 and desire that from all persons it may be held therefore as follows:

Firstly it is my Will that all my just Debts shall be paid off and I give and Construe to my Loving wife Fronica the sum of One Hundred pounds good Current Money further I give to her the possession & Benefit of all \*\*\* my plantation. \*\*\* That she make use of the same With all right and Authority belonging thereto as long as she lives agreeable to her option. Also I give her all Chattle which I leave behind at my Departure as also each & all Household



furniture and dishes I have in my Dwelling House or will have, But all sums of money arising out of the leaving and quitting of my plantation. \*\*\* The same I bequeath & give to my only Daughter Anna Moyer (and her husband Christian Moyer) to her and her husbands use & benefit as long as my said Daughter is alive. After her death I give and order the said money to my Daughters own offspring Children in equal share the one as much as the other. \*\*\* In witness of all that I have hereunto put my Hand & Seal the day and year above mentioned.†

Witnesses  
George Landes  
Abraham Bechtel

Signed  
his  
Michael M B Bauer  
mark

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The lineage of Michael Willener Bauer and Veronica Landis who stayed on the original Plantation north of Bally, Pa., for over 200 years.

1st Generation Hans Bauer .....	1670-1749
Wife - Anne Willener .....	1677-
2nd Generation Michael W. Bauer .....	1718-1784
Wife - Veronica Landis .....	-1823
3rd Generation Anna L. Bauer .....	1757-1809
Husband - Christian Moyer .....	-1826
4th Generation Michael Moyer .....	1779-1857
Wife - Elizabeth Oberholtzer .....	1781-1874
5th Generation Susannah O. Moyer .....	1821-1869
Husband - Abraham S. Ehst .....	1817-1910
6th Generation Rev. John M. Ehst .....	1844-1923
Wife - Susannah Gehman .....	1845-1911
7th Generation Abraham G. Ehst .....	1869-
Wife - Katie Landis .....	1866-1913
8th Generation John L. Ehst .....	1894-
Wife - Elizabeth Mack .....	1894-1951
9th Generation Abram M. Ehst .....	1918-
Wife - Margaret Moyer .....	1920-
10th Generation John M. Ehst .....	1944-

† Will Book III, p. 50, Reading, Pa.

## ABRAHAM WILLENER BAUER

It is probable that Abraham W. Bauer was born about 1712, at Sappemeer, Holland. He came to America with his family as a very young child and was raised somewhere in the old Goshenhoppen Region north and west of Philadelphia. When he was in his early teens his parents, Hans and Anne Willener Bauer, settled in the Buttertahl in Berks County, Pa. There he grew to manhood and married a girl whose name was Anna, surname unknown.

In the spring of 1743, he and Anna moved onto a tract of land containing 105 acres which Hans had purchased by a warranty deed on Nov. 30, 1742. This farm joined his father's plantation to the south and today lies on the edge of the town of Bally, the first farm on the left towards Clayton. They lived there until 1752, and during that time their union was blessed with at least six children. According to the settlement of Abraham's estate their names were Anna, Magdalena, Eva, Susannah, Esther, and Isaac.\* (Abraham Jr. was not mentioned.)

According to Henry Bower in his "History of the Stauffer and Bower Families," Abraham W. migrated to Huntingdon County, Pa., in 1752. Huntingdon County was on the frontier. The region was mountainous and drained by the Juniata River and its tributaries. The mountains were separated by a network of narrow fertile valleys suitable for farming. As early as 1749, a few Scotch-Irish had invaded the territory as far west as the Tussey Mountains. Their presence was bitterly resented by the Indians as the land beyond the Kittating Range was not purchased by the Penn Brothers until 1754. Consequently, Huntingdon County was still Indian Territory in 1752.

Abraham W. and Anna Bauer must have been one of the first immigrant families to become squatters in this section. In 1752, they settled in Woodcock Valley, between the Tusseys on the west and Warriors Ridge on the east. At the head of the valley stood Hartsocks Fort which protected the settlers from the Indians. The valley was rich with productive limestone soil, and Abraham W. selected one of

\* Land Release in the possession of the Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsburg, Pa.



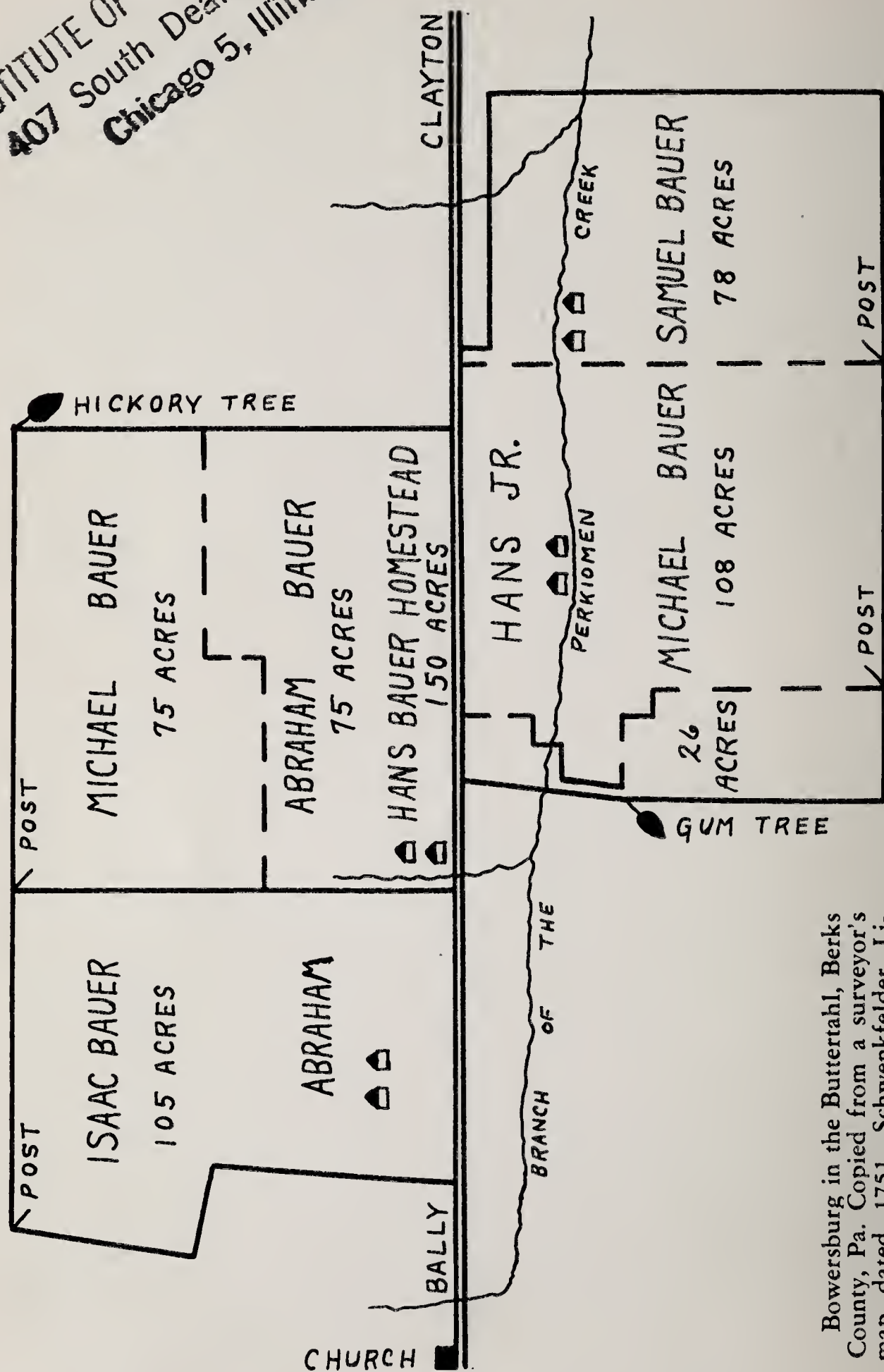


Lower Skippack Mennonite Meeting House  
Congregation organized 1717  
Building erected 1725



Perkiomen Creek north of Collegeville, Pa.





Bowersburg in the Buttertahl, Berks County, Pa. Copied from a surveyor's map dated 1751, Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsylvania, Pa.



the best tracts of farm land in the whole valley. In later years one of the native inhabitants said that the Bauers could smell out limestone soil from miles away.

By 1755, around 50 Mennonites from eastern Pennsylvania had settled in the valley near Marklesburg, and established a burying ground near the Grove Union Church. Abraham W. died circa 1760, and is probably buried there.

About the same time he died a wave of bloody Indian Wars swept over the frontier. The settlers never knew when they left for their fields and woods whether their cabin would still be standing when they returned or be only a pile of smoking ashes. Life became so dangerous and precarious that by 1762, most of the valley had been evacuated.

It is thought that, during this evacuation, Anna Bauer with five of her children left Huntingdon County and returned to their birth-place in the Buttertahl for, in 1761, a survey was made of their original homestead at Bally and, in 1784, a land release to Isaac by his sisters indicates that they were all five living in Berks County.

Evidently Isaac had an older brother Abraham who remained in Huntingdon County for, in 1794, the land which their father had cleared near Marklesburg was surveyed to an Abraham Bauer Jr.\* It is probable that this Abraham Jr. was the father of George E., Samuel E., and Jacob E. who according to Henry Bower's history are the sons of Abraham Bauer of Huntingdon County. What happened to this family during the years 1762-1794, is lost in the past.

One Indian War followed another in the Tussey Mountain region, but as long as there were soldiers stationed at the fort, the settlers in Woodcock Valley clung stubbornly to their land. However, in the spring of 1779, the fort was abandoned, and in July of that same year the half-crazed Indians began a series of bloody massacres. They would slip silently out from beneath the trees and suddenly appear upon the steps of the spring-house or by an open cabin door, and at

\* Deed Book X3, p. 373, Huntingdon, Pa.

the first terrified scream of a woman or child they would turn into raging demons, scalping anyone on whom they could lay their hands.

By 1780, most of the valley was abandoned for the second time in 20 years, with both the settlers and Indians gone and the crops not harvested. Scouts entering the valley that fall described the picture as tragic. Fields of golden grain stood with drooping heads, mutely waiting for the harvest, but there was no sign of life as far as the eye could see, only ashes drifted over black foundation stones and here and there a spring-house with crocks half full of rancid butter.

There is not much question that Abraham Jr. and his family were a part of the 1780 exodus, but where they went is a mystery. Twenty years later we find George E. in Washington County, Samuel E. in Northumberland County, and Jacob E. in Lancaster County. We know that Abraham Jr. returned to Woodcock Valley sometime between 1780 and 1794. His farm is located along route 26, one mile north of Marklesburg, and three miles south of the Grove Union Cemetery. There he built a log house, a spring-house, and a butchering-house facing the road which are still standing. A creek runs past the butchering-house and meanders down into the meadow behind the buildings. The house is built over a root-cave dug out of the side of a hill. Across the ceiling of the cave, within arms reach, are huge wooden beams which support the heavy log structure of the house. Across the road are the gnarled remains of an old apple orchard, and above the barn on a slight knoll is the crumbled foundation of the first Bowers school, built in 1784. A new brick building was erected in 1859, just over the rise toward Huntingdon, which is called the "Bowers" school to this day.

The date of death of Abraham Jr. is unknown, but it is fairly certain he was buried in the Grove Union Cemetery. His five sisters and younger brother Isaac returned to Berks County in 1761, where all but Esther had married and established families by the year 1784. In that year Isaac bought out the other heirs of Abraham W. who had died intestate in Huntingdon County. Those who signed the release were Anna Moyer, Magdalena Bechtel, Eva Gehman, Susannah Bechtel, and Esther Bauer. (Abraham Jr. was not mentioned.)



Circa 1776, Isaac had married Barbara Geisinger of Lehigh Co. In 1786, they secured the 105 acre homestead near Bally by patent, and lived there until 1800. They had a family of 5 girls and 3 boys. In 1800, when his oldest girl was 22 years of age, Isaac sold out all his holdings in Berks County which consisted of the three tracts of land that his father Abraham W. had received originally from Hans Sr., and moved his entire family back to Woodcock Valley, in Huntingdon County. Thus the Bauer surname through Abraham W. was lost to the Buttertahl forever.

In 1812, Isaac bought a tract of land in Woodcock Valley adjoining the original Bauer plantation to the east and Jacob Brumbaugh's farm to the west. The Bauers and the Brumbaughs intermarried and established a common burying ground on the line between the two farms. The Bauer graves are on one side of the line, the Brumbaugh graves on the other. The Cemetery is located on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful valley which is drained by the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. It is called the Valley View Cemetery and is of unusual interest because the grave of ex-Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania is located there.

Gov. Martin Grove Brumbaugh was a descendant of Hans Bauer, six generations removed, through his great grandmother who was one of Isaac Bauer's daughters.

Isaac is given as one of the prominent pioneers of Woodcock Valley, in the "History of Huntingdon County." He served on one of the first Township boards of Penn Twp. and was active in establishing a township school system. He and Barbara raised 8 children. Three of their girls married three Brumbaugh brothers who lived on the adjoining farm. One of their sons, an Abraham III, followed in his father's footsteps and became a leading citizen of Penn Twp. He joined the Brethren Church and, in 1851, was secretary of the School Board of Directors of Penn Twp. whose duty it was to examine and hire all prospective teachers.

Abraham III was said to be a man of sterling character although a bit tight-fisted. A favorite story told by the old timers in the valley

relates how once in Abraham's prime he hired a neighbor boy to help him spread manure. Since the boy was paid by the hour, Abraham III raced his team recklessly back and forth between the barn and the field so as not to waste any time between shoveling.

He lived on the old Bauer homestead which had belonged to his Uncle, Abraham Jr. This farm remained in the Bauer Family through 5 generations for 200 years.

Abraham W. Bauer who had squatter's rights to this land in 1752, was one of the first white settlers to invade Huntingdon County, while it was still Indian Territory. Two of his sons established themselves in Woodcock Valley. Isaac's descendants have remained there to this day, but due to the preponderance of girls in each successive generation, the surname of Bowers has died out in the valley. Abraham Jr.'s descendants are scattered to the four winds. Samuel E. moved his family from Northumberland County to Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada, in 1825; while Jacob E. and his wife established their family in Lancaster County. George E. like his grandfather became a trail blazer. At the time of the great massacre in 1779, he fled from Woodcock Valley and migrated to Washington County, in western Pennsylvania.

## GEORGE E. BAUER

The close of the Revolution brought a swift revival of emigration to the west and an outburst of land speculation. In 1780, one of the first acts of the new National Government was to open up the western territory for the common benefit of all emigrants. Land grants were offered cheap along the Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio Rivers. Consequently, this section filled rapidly with both settlers and land speculators.

George E. Bauer joined this stream of adventurers when he fled from Woodcock Valley, in Huntingdon County, to seek his fortune farther west. On horseback he followed the Raystown Branch of the Juniata, up the valley until he hit the turnpike that General Forbes had cut through during the French and Indian War from Philadelphia



to Pittsburgh. Traveling west along the Forbes Trail he soon joined up with a wagon train going through from eastern Pennsylvania. When they arrived at Pittsburgh, the men built a large raft to transport them up the Monongahela.

At the river town of Monongahela, in Washington County, George left the raft and started west, on foot, along an Indian trail which followed the ridge of a mountain range and gave him an almost unobstructed view for miles around. He saw an unending stretch of wooded hills and grassy plains with a stream winding away into the distance. A wide treeless swath cut across the mountain side and swept over the plain, made sometime in the past by fire, tornado, or the pounding feet of hundreds of buffalo filing in solemn procession to drink at the stream. The woods along the path that George followed was amazingly easy to penetrate. Every so often a deer path slipped away to the right or left and dozens of squirrels chattered incessantly in the branches overhead.

When he had covered a distance of four or five miles, the trail widened and he found himself approaching a small settlement. These people were German Lutherans who, under the leadership of a man by the name of Kammerer, had located there, erected a small church nearby, and established a burying ground. Farmhands were always more than welcome in these wilderness outposts so George remained in this locality for some time.

Circa 1784, he married a Mary Grim of Washington County, and settled in Somerset Twp., near Kammerer. They had six children, John, David, Mary, Lizzie, Betsy, and Magdalena.

In 1800, the United States Government announced that it would soon open a land office in Steubenville, to sell land grants in the Ohio Territory. If settlers moved in ahead of the land office and cleared the land, they could claim their plantations on improvement rights. It seemed that every family in western Pennsylvania who owed a mortgage, had suffered bad luck, or was just obsessed by an itching foot, sold out and streamed in the direction of Ohio. George E., like his grandfather Abraham W., was destined to become a squatter.

In the spring of 1800, he and Mary packed whatever supplies they needed into a two-wheel cart, and with their six children, all under 15, they walked as far as the Monongahela. There, George and the two boys built a raft large enough and strong enough to assure them a safe journey to Ohio. They floated down the river to Pittsburgh, where they stocked up on necessities, and then began the terrifying trip down the Ohio. River dredges were unknown at that time and they never knew when they might hit a submerged log or rock which would tip over the whole raft. Sometimes the current was treacherous, and they had to be continuously on the lookout for Indians hiding behind the trees and brush along the river bank. George stacked all their possessions at either side of the raft for protection when the arrows started flying thick and fast.

In spite of all these dangers, at the end of one month they landed at Steubenville without any casualties and followed the valley road north into Jefferson County. One mile west of Knoxville, they arrived at a clearing where several log cabins were under construction, at a spot where two wilderness trails crossed. This crossroads was called Bowling Green, and it is said that George E. Bauer built one of the first five cabins located there.

That first year was a nightmare. They had to build fires in front of their cabins to keep the wolves away. They were compelled to live by their guns instead of their plows because of the wild state of nature in this virgin territory. Wild turkeys and pigeons by the thousands riddled their first harvest. Sometimes the sky would darken under the spread of their wings. No domesticated animal was safe from the vicious fangs of the wood dogs or wolves. Herds of deer trampled their pasture lands and gardens. A man could start out and in one afternoon kill 50 deer. No wonder the early settlers in Jefferson County took to hunting, milling, lumbering, and brickmaking.

Nevertheless, by 1803, the settlers at Bowling Green had established the Good Hope Lutheran Church and Cemetery, and a good road had been put through to Steubenville. All the inhabitants spoke Pennsylvania Dutch. They began to build wagons for both the neighboring



farmers and the movers traveling north along the new road.

When the War of 1812 broke out, it was the western frontier that suffered the brunt of the fighting. England organized and armed the Indians to attack from the rear. The Government called for volunteers, and every able-bodied frontiersman, no matter how old he might be, rose up in arms to protect his family and farm from the Indians. George Bauer was caught in this vicious trap. He was around 50 years old at the time and could not withstand the rigor of border warfare. The volunteers were untrained and had little or no equipment. They had no tents, slept on the ground in all kinds of weather, and waded through swamps up to their middle. All the older men suffered from malaria, ague, or pneumonia. George E. Bauer never recovered from the effects of the war and died soon after. The exact time of his death and the place of burial are unknown.

Soon after George E. died, his widow was remarried to Martin Easterday, a neighbor who had six children of his own. Between the Easterday farm and the Bauer homestead was a tract of land owned by a Martin Swickard who, with his unmarried children, had emigrated to Bowling Green in 1805, from Somerset Twp., in Washington County, Pa. The children of these three families intermarried, but most of their descendants moved away from Jefferson County and established homes all through the middle west.

Around the time of his father's death, John G. Bower, son of George E., married Christina Swickard and moved to Rose Twp., in Carroll County, Ohio, where in 1826, he purchased from the Government two adjoining tracts of 80 acres each, the patents having been signed by President John Quincy Adams. He built a beautiful Georgian brick house on this land, south of Magnolia, Ohio, which is still standing. His descendants became prosperous farmers of Carroll County, who speculated in the breeding of fine stock. John lived until 1868, and Christina until 1871. They were members of Emmanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and are both buried in the adjoining cemetery which is located not far from the Bower homestead. In his last Will and Testament, dated March 6, 1861, John signed his name, Johannes Bauer, written in German script.

## DAVID GRIM BOWERS

David G. Bowers, son of George E., circa 1818, married Susannah Harmon of Jefferson County, Ohio. They moved onto a farm northeast of Bowerston, in Harrison County. His homestead was on a hill overlooking the town. Consequently, he was given the nickname of "Hill" Dave. A large portion of the land on which Bowerston now stands was once the property of "Hill" David Bowers. Moreover, he donated the land for the town cemetery, and helped to build a Lutheran Church adjoining the cemetery.

In 1851, he and Susannah sold out to an Easterday and emigrated by covered wagon to Indiana, where they bought a farm along the Maysville road, 9 miles north of New Haven, in St. Joseph Twp., Allen County. The road, then only a trail through the wilderness, after a while became known as the ridge road and is at the present time Indiana State Route 37. Within a short time after David arrived he had erected a log house, cleared the land, and had become a prominent farmer in that area.

Just as he had previously done in Bowerston, Ohio, David donated a part of his Indiana farm for a cemetery and a church. In 1870, an agreement was drawn up with the heirs of David and Susannah's estate with the provision that each of them should receive a burial lot free in this cemetery. Soon after, a small Methodist Church, called the "Bowers Chapel," was erected just west of the hickory tree which still stands in memory of the old church. The community grew and the need was soon felt for a new and larger place to hold religious services. In 1893, the old church was sold and torn down, and the material hauled away to be used in the building of a livery stable.

David G. was born in 1785, in Washington County, Pa., and died Nov. 15, 1855, in Allen County, Indiana, only four years after moving to Indiana. Susannah, his wife, who was born in 1801, lived until 1862. Both are buried in the Bowers Cemetery along with their spinster daughter, Lydia. Five of their girls married and established families in Allen County. One of their sons, Joseph, married Margaret



Mayhew and located in Fort Wayne, Ind. He died in 1886, and is buried at the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Three of David Bowers' sons stayed in Ohio. Thomas died at the age of 32 years and left no family. Jacob settled on a farm south of Bowerston and raised 12 children. The third son, Abraham Luther Wesley, known as A. L. W. Bowers, married Lydia Walker from Frederick County, Md., and moved to Winfield, in Tuscarawas County, between Dundee and Dover, Ohio. Both A. L. W. and his wife were engaged in curing cancer for over 50 years. It was said that they cured over 5,000 cases during their lifetime. They joined the Church of God and raised six children in that faith.

A. L. W. was a very peculiar man, tall and well-built but not heavy, clean shaven, and with a growth on the inside of his left nostril. One night his little grandson came running to the neighbors crying, "Come quick, Granddaddy's bleeding to death." The neighbor and his wife rushed over and found A. L. W. with a basin on his lap, his nose bleeding like a stuck pig. This happened many times, but A. L. W. didn't believe in operations and was too stubborn to have the growth removed.

When he moved to Winfield, he settled in a log house just across the bridge towards Dover. Later the log house was torn down and a new frame house erected. He died in the village of Winfield in a house that was remodeled out of the old Winfield schoolhouse. He was known far and wide as a renowned cancer quack, with an office in Winfield. When he moved into the old schoolhouse, he moved his office into his own home. Some said he voodooed the people, especially the Amish; others claimed they saw him rub out skin cancers and never leave a scar. For his potions and salves he used many peculiar things, herbs of all kinds, of course, which he paid for by the pound, and hog squealers which he got from the butcher and ground up into powder. (A hog squealer is a little bone which grows just behind the ear of a hog without which he would be unable to squeal.)

A. L. W. owned no horse and buggy and consistently refused to ride with anyone else. He would start out and walk for miles, a grip

of medicine in each hand. Sometimes he would be gone for several weeks and always came home with plenty of money in his pockets. The Amish were especially gullible.

He had his son, Alva, make him a coffin years before he died. There it sat beside his bed until the day of his death. His wife endured his idiosyncrasies with patience, but often remarked what a mistake she had made. They raised 6 children who were as interesting as their parents. Alva (David Albert) was called "Devil Dave" by the inhabitants of Winfield because he had such a terrific temper. He lived on the home place and was a great painter, traveling all over the countryside painting schoolhouses and the like with conscientious fervor. Hiram, called Gil, made plenty of money and was known as a great spender. He left home to go south, but in all his wanderings he never forgot his filial duties, and paid his mother's living expenses as long as she lived. Mary never married but practiced medicine like her father. She and her mother lived together in Dover, Ohio, after her father died. At the time of Mary's death, she was in New Philadelphia, two miles from Dover, where she was making a call on a patient whom she was treating for cancer. She fell over dead in the street. She, her father, mother, and brother Dave are all buried in the Dover Cemetery.

The other three children of A. L. W. moved away from Winfield and established families elsewhere. Thomas went to Columbus, Ohio. Maggie married John Troutner and followed her relatives to New Haven, Ind. Thiora and her husband, a John Conn, never got any farther away than New Philadelphia, Ohio.

These descendants of Abraham W. Bauer, through his grandson George E. Bauer, were sturdy pioneers who grubbed the land, built their own houses, established schools and churches, and helped to make a nation out of the wilderness that was America. They belonged to the vanguard of Pennsylvania Dutch who contributed their thrift and industriousness to the development of the Middle West.



These are the generations of Hans Bauer, through his son Abraham W., who blazed a new trail into the west.

1st Generation, Hans Bauer, 1670-1749, located in the Buttertahl, Washington Twp., Berks County, Pa., in 1734.

2nd Generation, Abraham W. Bauer, circa 1712-1760, located in the Woodcock Valley, Penn Twp., Huntingdon County, Pa., in 1752.

3rd Generation, Abraham Bauer, Jr., circa 1740-1815, outlived two Indian massacres and died in Woodcock Valley.

4th Generation, George E. Bauer, circa 1762-1814, located at Bowling Green, Knox Twp., Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1800.

5th Generation, David G. Bowers, 1785-1855, located in St. Joseph Twp., Allen County, Ind., in 1851.

# THE CONESTOGA TRAIL

*"He added the freedom of the woods, and sought  
The bookless wisdom by experience taught  
And learned to love his new found home, while not  
Forgetful of the old."*

## SAMUEL WILLENER BAUER

Samuel W. Bauer, eldest son of Hans Bauer, the immigrant, was the progenitor of most of the Bauer descendants who crossed the Alleghenies and followed the Conestoga Trail into the middle west. He was born around 1708, near Oberhofen in Canton Bern, Switzerland, and brought to America by his parents when only a small child. He grew to manhood at Bowersburg in the Buttertahl Valley in Washington Twp., Berks County, Penna. While in his early thirties, he married Barbara Landis,\* an older sister of Veronica, the wife of his brother Michael. Since there was a double relationship between the two brothers and sisters, and since they lived on adjoining farms after they were married, the two families were very intimate, helping each other with the harvesting and with business transactions. Both families were very active in the Hereford Congregation at Bally. They attended church at the Hereford Meeting House, and their children went to school in the same building.

The first meeting house was a cabin on the farm of an Ulrich Beidler, built in 1732. There was some difficulty during the ensuing years over land titles, but in 1755, a Mennonite by the name of Bechtel purchased one acre and nine perches of the meeting house tract for two pounds and 10 shillings and transferred the deed immediately to the Hereford Congregation. That same year, they razed the first log cabin and built a new log church that was later weather-boarded and whitewashed. In 1790, an addition was built to the church to be used for a school. There were large folding doors between the sanctuary and the school room, and both rooms were equipped with backless benches and a huge wood stove. This structure

\* Patent Book AA, Vol. 3, pp 177, 178, 179, Harrisburg, Pa.



was used until 1899, when the present building of plastered stone was erected. A great great grandson of Samuel and Barbara, a Samuel E. Bower, was a member of the building committee.

Samuel and Barbara lived just one mile north of the church tract along the valley road. In 1743, soon after they were married, Hans had given them 78 acres of the 215 acre Douglas Manor Tract which he had just purchased. Their farm was extremely fertile with rich limestone soil. The buildings were backed up against a limestone quarry which the whole Bauer Family used to enrich their soil. Their first log house stood on a slight knoll overlooking a very lovely meadow which lay between the house and the road. The meadow was drained by the New Goshenhoppen Creek that wound its way through Bowersburg down the valley to join the West Branch of the Perkio-men. Later on, Samuel and Michael laboriously hauled enough building stone from the Blue Mountains across the valley to put up a substantial stone house. Samuel received the deed to his farm in 1749 upon payment of 37 pounds to his mother, as required by Hans Senior's Will. The farm was valued at 92 pounds, but Samuel's share of his father's estate was 55 pounds, which added to the 37 pounds made up the total cost.

Samuel and Barbara had 3 children. Samuel L. was born Aug. 6, 1746; Fronica, April 10, 1756; and John L. sometime between 1740 and 1746, exact date unknown. John was named for his two grandfathers, Hans Bauer and Johannes Landis; Fronica was named for her Aunt Fronica, Michael's wife, who was her aunt both by birth and by marriage; and Samuel was named for his father.

Samuel W. died shortly before March 24, 1762, and is probably buried in the Hereford Mennonite Burying Ground at Bally. Like his brother, Hans W., Samuel W. Bauer left a widow and minor children. Fronica was only 6 and Samuel L. 15 when he died. Upon his death an inventory was made of his personal effects which amounted to 77.6 pounds. It is recorded in the General Offices at Philadelphia. His wife, Barbara, was appointed as administratrix of his estate and given one year to make an accounting.



In the year 1769, Barbara remarried, this time to a man by the name of Conrad Miller from Richmond Twp., Berks County. On August 28, 1769, she and Conrad signed articles of agreement which insured that any inheritance Barbara might receive from Samuel W. would, after her death, go into the possession of Samuel W.'s children. Since Samuel W. died intestate, the three children were bound to pay over to their mother her widow's share of the estate which was divided into 3 equal parts. Barbara and her husband moved to Richmond Twp. after their marriage, where they lived until Conrad died. Barbara then moved to Frederick Twp., in Montgomery County, where she could be near all 3 of her children. She died there in 1800, and left a Will dated Aug. 6, 1793.

#### WILL OF BARBARA LANDIS BAUER MILLER - 1793

TO KNOW whom it shall and may concern that I Barbara Miller a Widow of Frederick Township in Montgomery County at present of good health mind memory and understanding (Blessed be God), do I am *for* advanced in my years and *considering* that *wee* in our natural life *u-certain* I was moved within myself to make ordain and Publish my last will and Testament that is to say my Soul I deliver in the hand of the Almighty God and my Body unto the Earth to be *berred* in - Christain *licke menner* and concerning my worldly Estate I dispose of what little I shall *leaf* behind at my decease as *follows* First I will that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be just and fully paid by my Executor out of my Estate *Leaft* at my decease and secondly it is my Will and order when my debts and funeral Charges paid what my son John Bauer shall be remain in debt to my Estate that shall be his full share Part and Portion of my Estate for him and his Heirs forever; And thirdly all the residue of what little shall be remain whatsoever it is I give and devise to my son Samuel Bauer, and to my Daughter Fronica wofe pt Abraham Shwenck in Equal share between them to be devided or to the Heirs of their Body's and fourthly I do nominate and order my son Samuel Bauer to be my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and give him full power to execute the same to the true *Indent* herein contained In Witness whereof I the said Barbara Miller do hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety three 1793.\*

Witnesses

Isaac Barkey  
John Barkey Sr.

Her  
Barbara X Miller  
Mark

\* The original will is in the possession of the Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsburg, Pa.  
Recorded at Norristown, Pa.



On Mar. 14, 1767, Samuel L. signed a promissory note to his mother for 170 pounds and in 1768, he and his wife Elizabeth released their share of the 78 acre farm to John L. for 450 pounds. In 1779, Fronica released her share of the 78 acres to John L. for 250 pounds. That same year she married Abraham Schwenk of Montgomery County and moved with him to Schwenkville, where they established a home and raised 9 children.

Very little is known of John L. Bauer. When his father died he took over the home plantation which he farmed until 1779. It is thought that his wife Catherine was a daughter of Conrad Miller, John's step-father, since she and John named their only child Conrad, and in 1779, when they sold out in the Buttertahl, they moved to Richmond Twp. where they lived for a while with the Millers. Evidently John's marriage with Catherine did not turn out well for in 1789, he signed an agreement of separation from his wife providing for the maintenance of both her and the minor child, Conrad. That same year he bought them a farm of 107 acres in Windsor Township. This arrangement must not have been satisfactory, for he sold the farm almost immediately. John L. returned to Hereford Twp., after his separation, and was still living there in 1810, when he was appointed executor of an Eshbach estate. His time of death and place of burial are unknown.

#### PARTS OF A RELEASE FROM SAMUEL L. BOWER TO JOHN L. BOWER

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come Samuel Bower junior of Hereford Township in the County of Berks and Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Elizabeth his Wife The said Samuel Bower junior being a Son of Samuel Bower senior late of Colebrookdale Philadelphia County but since the Division of the Counties in Hereford aforesaid Berks County Yeoman deseased SEND GREETING KNOW YE that the said Samuel Bower junior and Elisabeth his Wife For and in Consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Pounds Lawful Money of Pennsylvania unto them for the Use of Barbara Bower Widow Relict and Administratrix of the Estate of the said Samuel Bower senior deceased well and truly in hand paid by John Bower (another Son of the said Samuel Bower senior deed.) The - Receipt whereof they the said Samuel junior and Elizabeth his Wife \*\*\* do Grant Bargain Sell Remise Release and Conform unto the said John Bower (the Brother) all their the said

Samuel Bower's junior and Elizabeth his Wife Their one full Equal and undivided Third Part \*\*\* of and in all and singular the Messuages Lands and Tenements whatsoever late of their late Father in his Life Time and at the Time of his desease, \*\*\* And more Especially of in and to a certain Seventy Eight Acres of Land Situate in Hereford Township aforesaid Which George Shultz Who in and by the last Will and Testament of Hans Bower deceased bearing date the Twenty Seventh Day of October in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight was (among others) Nominated Constituted and appointed Executor with full Power therein to Grant Title for all the Lands of the said Hans Bower deceased. \*\*\* the said George Shultz Granted DID Grant Bargain Sell Release and Confirm the aforesaid Seventy Eight Acres of Land unto the above Named Samuel Bower senior deceased, by Indenture bearing Date the fourth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Forty Nine \*\*\* AND the said Samuel Bower junior doth hereby Covenant for him and his Heirs That He and Heirs \*\*\* will Warrant and forever defend by these presents The Widow and Relict Barbara Bower aforesaid of the said Samuel Bower senior deseased Her Dower out of the said Granted Premisses during her Natural Life in only excepted and foreprized. IN WITNESS whereof the said Samuel Bower and Elizabeth his Wife have hereunto let their Hands and Seal Dated the Twenty Third Day of February In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight.<sup>1</sup>

SEALED AND DELIVERED

in the presence of us  
George Landis  
Jacob Mechlin

Samuel Bower  
her  
Elisabeth X Bower  
mark

In 1779, a similar Release was signed by Fronica, still a spinster, to her brother John Bower for 250 Pounds.<sup>2</sup>

1 The original release is in the possession of the Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsburg, Pa.

2 Deed Book, VII, p. 16, Reading, Pa.

## CHILDREN OF SAMUEL WILLENER BAUER AND BARBARA LANDIS

1. John L. Bauer, date of birth unknown, married Catherine \_\_\_\_\_, date of death and place of burial unknown.
2. SAMUEL L. BAUER, born 1746, married Elizabeth Ziegler, died 1822, buried in the Hereford Mennonite Cemetery at Bally, Pa.
3. Fronica L. Bauer, born 1756, married Abraham Schwenk, died 1840, buried at the Keeley Reformed Church at Schwenkville, Pa.





Meadow of the Original Hans Bauer Homestead near Bally, Pa.



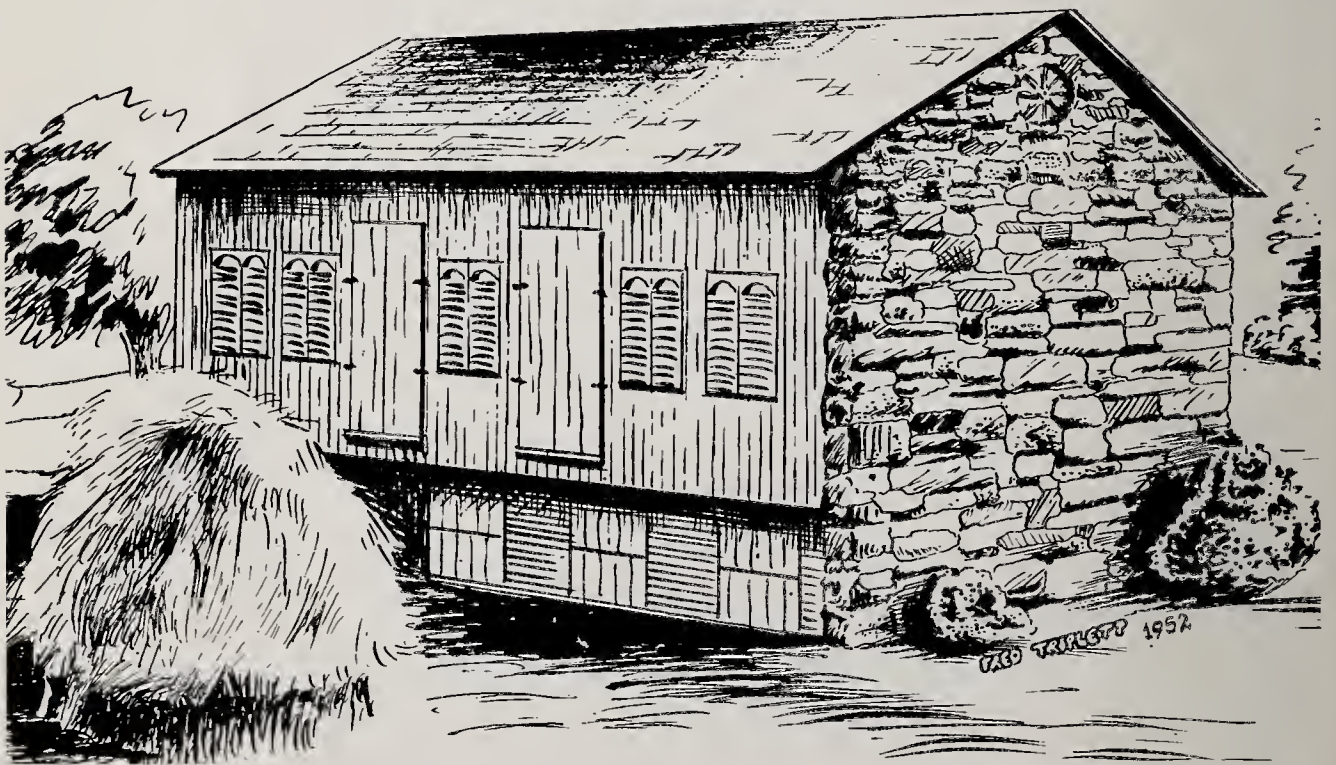
Stone House still standing on the Samuel W. Bauer Farm near Clayton, Pa., north of Bally

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 407 South Dearborn Street  
 Chicago 5, Illinois





A line-drawing sketch showing the type of Georgian architecture adapted by the Pennsylvania Dutch before 1800. One of these early stone houses is still standing on each of the four original Bauer farms.



An early Swiss bank barn



## SAMUEL LANDIS BAUER

On Mar. 1, 1766, Samuel L. Bauer, brother of John L. Bauer, married Elizabeth Ziegler from Upper Hanover Twp., Montgomery County, Pa., who had a very unusual background. On her father's side she was a descendant of Rev. Michael Ziegler who was one of the founders of the "Christopher Dock" school established in 1717, along the Skippack. This is a very famous school in Pennsylvania Archives as the schoolmaster, Christopher Dock, wrote the first textbook on pedagogy ever to be published in America. Michael Ziegler was also one of the trustees of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church which was built in 1725, adjoining the schoolhouse.

On her mother's side Elizabeth was a descendant of Captain Henry Pawling, a wealthy Englishman who was one of the patrons of Van Bebber's Twp., a tract of land lying north of Philadelphia between the Schuylkill and the Delaware. Around 1700, a number of Wealthy Englishmen and Dutch Patroons tried to establish a feudal kingdom in this section of Penna., but their plan fell through because of the independence of the early settlers who were, for the most part, "plain people." The children of some of these aristocrats married into Mennonite families, which was the case in Elizabeth Ziegler's ancestry. Consequently, she became the offshoot of an English aristocrat and a Mennonite preacher.

Her father, Christopher Ziegler, owned a large tract of land in Upper Hanover Twp., south of Pennsburg. After she and Samuel L. were married, they left the Buttertahl, and moved onto one of the farms belonging to her father. They lived on Ziegler land in Upper Hanover Twp., until the year 1782. On July 30, of that year they bought a farm of 151 acres in Douglas Twp., from John Landis and wife Elizabeth for 6 pounds and 7½ bushels of wheat as down payment on the property.

The contour of the land on this farm is beautiful. It spreads out over a broad shallow valley made up of softly rolling fields and woodland. Samuel L. spent the last 39 years of his life here and during that time built two stone houses, first, a small one no bigger than a

log cabin, with built-in corner cupboards, a narrow staircase and a tiny loft; then later, a larger two-story house to take care of his growing family. In 1856, his grandson, Andrew B. Bauer, built a commodious brick house nearby with a central staircase so beautiful it is famous to this day. All three houses are still standing, clustered together in an affectionate family group.

Samuel L. and Elizabeth had 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys. The baby, Christopher, died when he was only 7 years old. He and Andrew were the only two born on the homestead place. Andrew married Elizabeth Bechtel and took over his father's farm in 1809. It remained in his direct line through 4 generations for 143 years. His descendants were the only Bauer Family who never changed the spelling of their surname to Bower or Bowers.

Samuel L. died on Nov. 18, 1822, preceding the death of his wife by 18 years. He left a will dated Feb. 23, 1820. Both he and Elizabeth are buried at the Hereford Church in Bally. Their markers are well-preserved and are located only a few feet away from the present building, under a towering pine.

### WILL OF SAMUEL LANDIS BAUER - 1820

In the Name of God, Amen:

I, Samuel Bauer of Douglas Township, Montgomery County and State of Penna. being of perfect health of body, and of sound mind and Memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) but considering the uncertainty of this Transitory life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following to wit. Principally and first of all I recommend my immortal Soul into the Hands of God, who gave it, and my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner at the discession of my Executors herein after named. And as to Such Worldly Estate, Wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following form to wit.

Item it is my will that all my Just debts, and my funeral charges Shall be paid and Satisfied. Item I give and bequeath my beloved wife Elizabeth, the sum of Three Hundred and fifty pounds Lawful Money of Pennsylv. out of my Estate so that She may Will and dispose the same as She thinks proper. Further I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth, my whole artikels



of Dower, which I have made with my Son Andrew Bower during her natural life. And it is further my will that my wife Elizabeth Shall have all my House-houl goods, and Kitchen furniture and one of my Cows (her Choice) during her natural life. But after her decease, the same shall be divided between my eight children herein after named. Item, it is my Will that the Remainder of my Estate (as soon as Conveniently can be) Shall be equally divided between my Eight Children viz:

My Sons John, Samuel, and Andrew, and my Daughters, Susanna, (inter-married with John Boyer) Barbara, (intermarried with Abraham Buckwalter) Debora, (intermarried with John Stauffer) Elisabeth, (intermarried with Abraham Latshaw and Anna, (intermarried with Abraham Oberholtzer) to hold the same, to them, and their Heirs forever.

Lastly, I Nominate Constitute and appoint my Sons John Bower, and Andrew Bauer to be Executors of this my last Will, hereby Revoking all former and other Wills Legacies and bequests by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 23th Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty 1820.\*

Witnesses

William Weiss

Samuel Bauer (SEAL)

Jacob Allebach

Of all Hans Bauer's grandchildren, Samuel L., more than any of the others, handed down to his children the venturesome spirit of the Pioneer. Around 1815, the early settlers of Penna. began to move farther west. They followed the Conestoga Trail across southern Pennsylvania, and on into the northwest territory which was just then opening up for homesteaders. Four of Samuel L.'s children joined this new wave of emigration.

Susannah married Rev. John Boyer, a Mennonite preacher. He was ordained at Hereford in 1795, and in 1816, moved with nine of his ten children to Harmony, Pa., in Butler County, where he became the first preacher of the Harmony Mennonite Congregation. He and Susannah bought 1200 acres of land for \$17,419 and gave each of their children 100 acres. They are both buried at the Mennonite Church north of Harmony. There is a marker commemorating Rev. John Boyer and Abraham Ziegler along Pennsylvania Route 19 which

\* Recorded at Norristown, Pa.

runs past the old Mennonite Burying Ground. Harmony is an interesting historical site because it was settled by the Harmonites, a communal sect of religious people who sold out in 1815 to the Mennonites.

Barbara married Abraham Buchwalter and moved to Ross County, Ohio, where they died and are buried. They established a homestead of 300 acres near Hallsville, and raised a family of 8 children.

Anna married Abraham Oberholtzer, a weaver from Douglas Twp. In 1838, they moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and bought a 40 acre farm southeast of Nashville, along Route 39 which junctions with 241 at Millersburg. One corner of their land was set aside for a family burying ground which later became a part of the Lutheran Cemetery. Both of their markers are still standing, along with many others of their immediate family. The Oberholtzer graves are the oldest ones in the Cemetery and are protected on two sides by a border of lovely old fir trees. They left a family of eight children.

Samuel Z. Bauer married Barbara Bear from Montgomery County. They lived for 15 years in Douglas Twp., but joined the trek west in 1816.

The other four children of Samuel L. and Elizabeth were satisfied to stay nearer home. Andrew Z. Bauer and his wife Elizabeth stayed on the home place. They raised 6 children, and are buried at Bally.

Deborah married a John Stauffer from Chester County. Her date of death and place of burial are unknown.

John Z. Bauer married Susannah Oberholtzer of Douglas Twp. They were married for 53 years and during all that time remained loyal members of the Mennonite Church at Bally where they are buried. They had five children.

Elizabeth, said to be a woman of determined character, married Abraham Latshaw. They stayed in the Buttertahl, raised 9 children, and are also buried at Bally.

Samuel L. and his children were living at the time of the American Revolution and during the years that followed when the Colonies



were painfully struggling to give birth to a new nation. In spite of the turbulence and the uncertainty of that period, they all remained loyal to the Mennonite Church and became worthy and respected members of the communities where they settled. It was his son, Samuel Z., however, who was destined to live through the throes of three wars, and to leave his mark upon seven states: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas.

### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL LANDIS BAUER AND ELIZABETH PAWLING ZIEGLER

1. Susannah Z. Bauer, born 1769, married Rev. John Boyer, died 1830, buried in the Mennonite Cemetery at Harmony, Pa.
2. Barbara Z. Bauer, born 1770, married Abraham Buchwalter, died 1868, buried at Hallsville, Ross County, Ohio.
3. Deborah Z. Bauer, born 1771, married John Stauffer, date of death and place of burial unknown.
4. John Z. Bauer, born 1773 married Susannah Oberholtzer, died 1854, buried at Bally, Pa.
5. Elizabeth Z. Bauer, born 1776, married Abraham Latshaw, died 1869, buried at Bally, Pa.
6. SAMUEL Z. BAUER, born 1778, married Barbara Bear, died 1873, buried at the Kolb Mennonite Church near Trail, Holmes County, Ohio.
7. Anna Z. Bauer, born 1781, married Abraham Oberholtzer, died 1869, buried at Nashville, Holmes County, Ohio.
8. Andrew Z. Bauer, born 1784, married Elizabeth Bechtel, died 1864, buried at Bally, Pa.
9. Christopher Z. Bauer, born 1788, died 1795, buried at Bally, Pa.

### SAMUEL ZIEGLER BAUER

Samuel Z. Bauer was born on Nov. 8, 1778, on the farm of his grandfather, Christopher Ziegler, in Upper Hanover Twp., not far from the old Manatant Church, one-half mile west of Pennsburg.

For two years the American Colonies had been fighting for their independence, and although very few of the Mennonites participated in the actual fighting, they did feed hungry soldiers and turn their homes and barns into make-shift hospitals. Consequently, Samuel Z. at an early age became as familiar with the sight of soldiers and guns

as he was with the black garbed men like his father who carried Bibles instead of guns under their arms.

Near the close of the war in 1782, he moved with his parents onto a farm in Douglas Twp., where he lived until he was married. As a child he attended both church and school at the Hereford Meeting House in Bally. In 1801, he married Barbara Bear and established himself in Douglas Twp., where all of his children were born. In 1808, he bought 32 acres of land from a John Gilbert which he farmed for only 8 years. In 1816, he sold out to Abraham Eshbach for 1200 pounds and moved with his family, his household goods and live stock to Westmoreland County, Pa.

At first Barbara was reluctant to leave her family and friends to venture forth into the unknown, but finally she succumbed to her husband's enthusiasm. Frontiersmen and trappers told tall tales of a rich and unclaimed territory in western Pennsylvania, and many of the Mennonite families around Philadelphia, caught up in the swelling tide of an expanding civilization, were swept along with the other pioneers in search of a promised land.

Samuel Z. and Barbara, along with Shoups, Oberholtzers, and Tinstmans, bade a fond farewell to the blue hills and green fields which they loved so well and started out in covered wagons for Harrisburg, where they hit the Conestoga Trail west.

Barbara sat in the driver's seat beside her oldest daughter Susannah, aged 13. The baby Lydia snuggled down between them or tumbled about on Susannah's lap. When she became tired and restless, they tucked her into the trundle bed under the seat. Samuel Z. sat astride the lead horse and Barbara steered her course by him. Although she held the reins slack and easy, she was not unmindful of them and ready for any sudden emergency.

Two cows and a calf brought up the rear. Each cow had a rope around her neck which was tied to the end-gate of the wagon. Samuel Z. had built a feed box under the end-gate that gave out the sweet nutty odor of grain which the cows patiently followed after, mile



upon mile. The canvas which covered the wagon was tied to the frame with heavy ropes. On one side was fastened a tool box, on the other a water barrel. Packed inside were many things, household goods, food and a precious new plow. Pots and pans, dangling all around the outside, made the music of clanging cymbals as they bounced along.

In the open frame at the back of the wagon could be seen their two boys, Jacob 14 and John 12, with sometimes their heads and sometimes their feet hanging out over the end-gate. From time to time they let go with a howl of suppressed energy which made the squirrels and groundhogs scurry for cover. It was the boys' duty to keep watch over the cattle, and relieve the women when they grew stiff and cramped.

The road they followed pointed like a slim finger due west into the setting sun. At first, it was a single path made by a single horseman. Others followed, and still others, making the path permanent. Now it had become a wide artery, gutted by innumerable wagon wheels, through which flowed man, beast and commerce going west.

None of them had shed a tear when they left home. They were too excited. But the first night they made camp the tears came unbidden and poured down Barbara's cheeks. The boys looked away in embarrassment; the baby cried lustily; but Samuel Z. only put his arms around his wife and without saying a word drew all of them around the camp fire. Then he cleared his throat and in a firm, strong voice he began, "The Lord is my Shepherd." When he had finished the psalm, "Now suppose we all sing," he said. "I can pitch," John chimed in—and he could. In his high boyish voice he led out and they made the night air ring with the words,

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
I'm bound for the promised land.  
O, who will come and go with me?  
For I'm bound for the promised land."

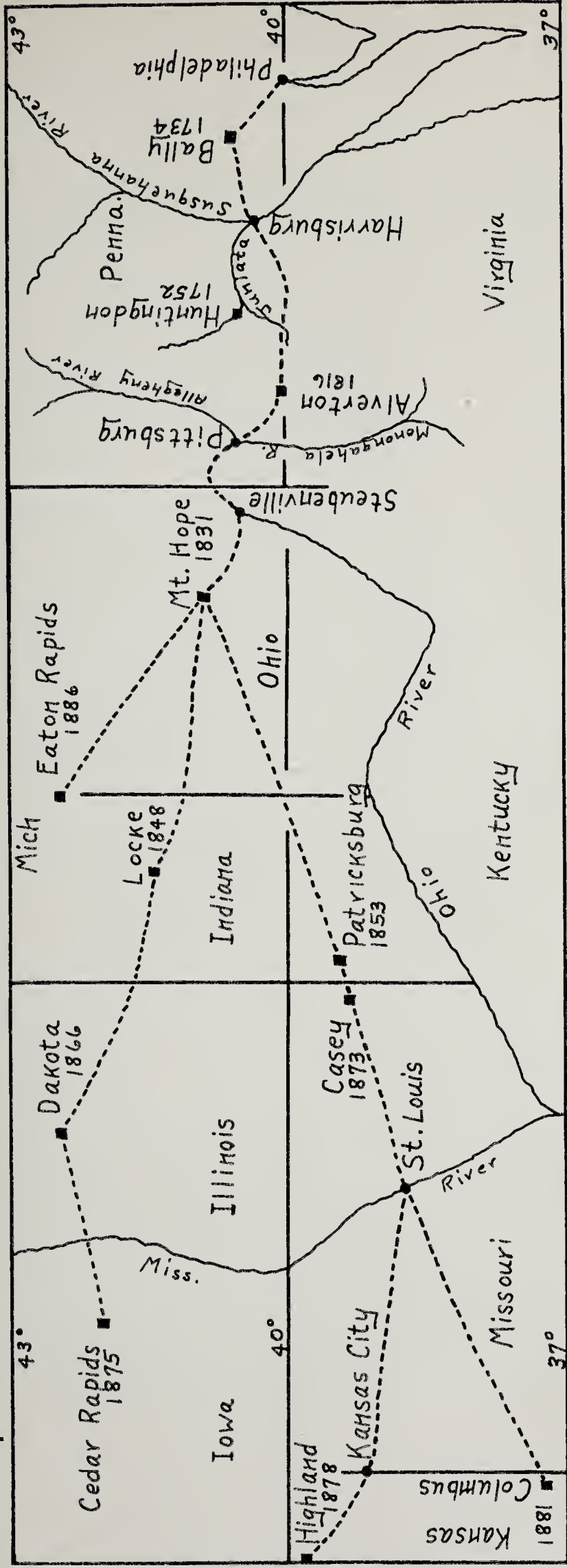
Each morning they broke camp in the first dim light of dawn, and around three o'clock each afternoon they began watching for a grassy

spot beside a clear cool stream which they could use for a campsite. Saturdays they scrubbed both themselves and their accoutrements, and on Sundays they rested, for it was the Sabbath.

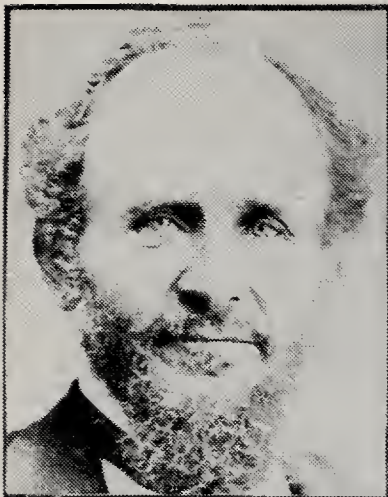
They never went hungry, for wild life was plentiful and their supplies could be replenished at each wayside inn along the trail. Each night and morning they milked the cows and what milk they were unable to drink they carried along in a covered pail. The constant motion of the wagon separated the cream from the whey, and Barbara carefully skimmed off the golden flecks to make their food more palatable. They had never been so happy or so dependent upon one another. They lived in a private world all their own, or so it seemed. There was only God, the sky, the trees, the trail and themselves. They were almost sorry to see their journey end.

They arrived in Westmoreland County in the fall of the winter of 1816, and settled in East Huntingdon Twp., along Jacob's Creek. On Feb. 29, Samuel Z. paid \$4000 for 135 acres of land which was part of a beautiful tract of woodland called "Fairfield." Witnesses to the deed were Jacob Tinstman and Abraham Overholt who owned neighboring farms. By the close of 1816, Mennonites from eastern Pennsylvania had bought up 25,000 acres of land north of Scottsdale, and south of Greensburg. The southern boundary of this section was the township line along Jacob's Creek. Outlying villages were West Overton, Mt. Pleasant, Bethany and Reagentown. Directly in the center of this area the Mennonites erected their church and established a burying ground. It was called the Stonersville Church and Cemetery. Today, the old grave stones are still standing, enclosed by an iron fence, at the intersection at Alverton on Penna. Route 119. Samuel Z.'s farm was located one mile southeast of the church at the head of a beautiful valley which extended straight and true like the spoke of a wheel from the farm to the hub at Alverton. This was very fitting for just as Alverton was the geographical center of the Mennonite territory, so the church which was located there was the spiritual and social center of their lives. It was at church that they made contact with both God and their neighbors, caught up on the latest births

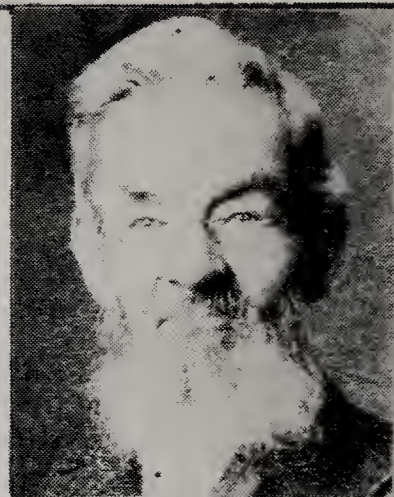




Trail of the Pioneers in the Bauer Lineage as they moved west



SAMUEL  
1825 - 1881



JOHN  
1826 - 1905



LEAH

1841 - 1921



SARAH

1844 - 1915



HENRY

1839 - 1913



THE

JACOB BOWER

FAMILY

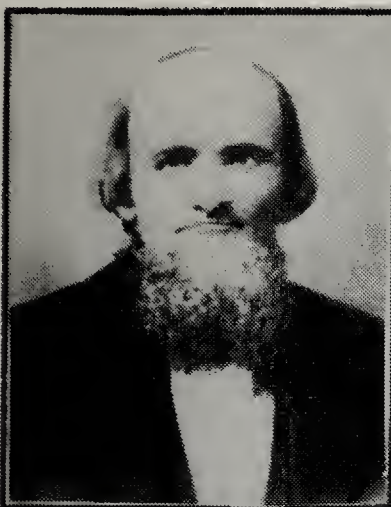
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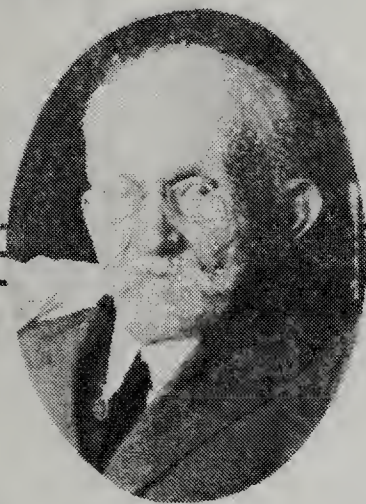
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1828-1920



SAMUEL  
1830-1906

JACOB

1833-1921



JOHN

1842-1925



HENRY

1845-1909



THE

JOHN BOWERS

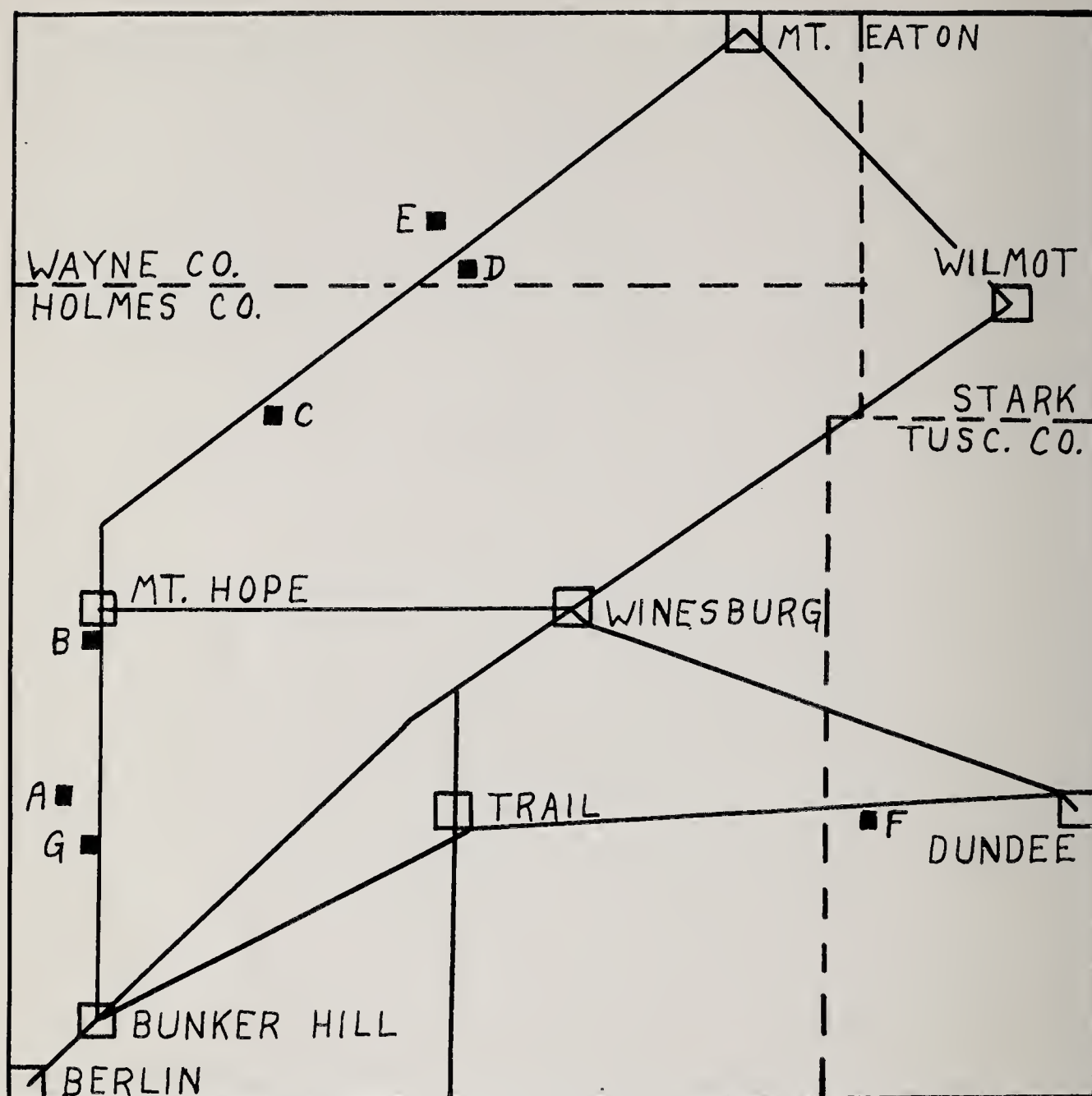
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1804-1862

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1846-1930





Map showing the location of the Samuel Z. Bauer Homestead in Holmes County, Ohio, and the farms of his immediate family.

A—Samuel Z. Bauer Homestead

B—Home of Lydia Nydegger (Edward)

C—Home of Barbara Roland (John)

D—Homestead of Jacob B. Bower

E—Homestead of John B. Bowers

F—Homestead of Joseph Bowers

G—Home of Lydia Shoup (John)



and marriages, bought and sold land, and made plans for the harvesting.

Samuel Z.'s homestead was reminiscent of the hills and valleys of Montgomery County. His log cabin nestled in a lovely grove of trees which were kept watered by three large springs flowing out of the hills which surrounded him on three sides.

His closest neighbors were the Durstines, Shoups, and Tinstmans and three of his children were destined to marry into these same families. Samuel Z. and Barbara loved their life and associations in Westmoreland County and would have been content to spend the rest of their lives there, but fate planned otherwise.

Jake and John, their two sons, had grown to manhood and both had established families. They were married to two sisters, Anne and Lydia Gardner, and each family had two little boys. Susannah was married to Mark Tinstman and had recently given birth to her fourth child; Lydia was just blossoming into womanhood when, in 1830, they were all caught up in a new wave of emigration. Immigrants by the hundreds were pouring into America from central Europe trying to escape the wars of budding nationalism that were rampant all over the European continent. As the old world came crowding into Westmoreland County, the Mennonites packed their belongings and left. It was part of their heritage to keep themselves apart from the rest of the world, so they went in search of new Mennonite communities growing up in the wilderness farther west. In no time at all the entire area was abandoned, and today the old burying ground at Alverton, covered with tangled vines, is the only remains of the religious community that once flourished there. Pennsylvania is dotted with these graveyards of man's struggle for perfection.

Jake and John with their families left first. They followed the trail west to Wayne County, Ohio. Samuel Z. and Barbara, with Lydia, soon followed, however. Samuel Z. sold his farm in Westmoreland County on Oct. 4, 1831, for \$2650 to a Joseph Sherrick who already owned land next to the Bauer place. On Dec. 24, 1831, he bought a farm of 50 acres in Holmes County, Ohio, from Jacob Shoup, for

which he paid \$400. It is situated one and one-half miles south of Mt. Hope, on the Bunker Hill road, not too far from the Wayne County line. Both John and Jake lived on farms just across the line in Wayne County, and fifteen miles to the west was the homestead where Samuel Z.'s sister Anna and husband Abraham Oberholtzer settled in 1838.

Lydia married John Shoup, a neighbor, soon after they reached Ohio. Tragically she died in childbirth at the age of 19 as so many young women did in those pioneer days. She and her baby, John Jr., are buried beside one another in a small Amish Cemetery on what was originally the land of Jacob Shoup, her father-in-law. Susannah and her husband, Mark Tinstman, settled near Shanesville, Ohio, not too far from Mt. Hope. Later on they moved to Indiana.

Life was no bed of roses in the early days of the Northwest Territory. Luxuries, including glass for their windows, were at a premium. Conveniences were few and far between. Doctors were scarce, so midwives and quacks disposed of sickness and disease. Samuel Z. was forced to ride horseback into New Philadelphia to have his wheat ground into flour at the mill located there. Many's the time he saw a wolf slinking off between the trees as he rode along.

In spite of the hard life Samuel Z. expected to live out his days on this farm, but after 26 happy and busy years, Barbara's health failed and, in 1857, they were forced to retire. He sold his land for \$2729.47. One of the buyers was a Simon Keck who eventually obtained the entire 50 acres. Consequently, Samuel Z.'s old home is today known as the old Sim Keck place, but there is a section of woodland on this farm which is still, after all these years, called the "Bauer" woods. All that is left of the Bauer Homestead, however, are the crumbled remains of their house which gets tangled occasionally in the farmer's plow and the skeleton of an old watering trough hollowed out of the trunk of a tree. At one time a copper pipe brought water to the trough from a spring in the nearby ravine which is part of the "Bauer" woods. In 1857, after they sold out, Samuel Z. and the ailing Barbara moved to a place between Smithville and Weilersville in Wayne County, where Barbara died.



Periodically Samuel Z. wrote to his brother Andrew Z. back in Montgomery County, Pa. Some of these letters are still in existence. They are written in German script and are in the possession of the Schwenkfelder Library in Pennsburg, Pa. Following is a translation of one of these letters written shortly before Barbara died.

Salt Creek Township, Holmes County, Ohio. May 19, 1855.

First of all a sincere greeting from us to you brothers and sisters, Andrew and Deborah and Elizabeth and all your children and to all acquaintances and God-seeking souls without exception. Thanks to God, all of us are still in good health, our children and Oberholtzers, so far as I know, and I wish that this imperfect letter may find you well also. We are greatly obliged to thank God that we still have our mental faculties and can make preparations for heaven and the long eternity. That we must attain through sincere prayer and petition to God for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

I am letting you know that our daughter Susanna and one of her boys visited us in April and I received a letter saying that they reached home safely. And I let you know that my wife can walk again with her canes in the garden and about the yard, and can get into the buggy and down by herself, and I am as I was when her brother and cousin were with us. You wrote to me about John Bauer's marriage; he has a German wife and a good stepmother for his children. She belongs to the same denomination as he, and that is well. They belong to the Winebrenners.

I want to write you a little about last winter. The weather was so cold and there was much snow; it was two feet deep. There was snow from Christmas until April. The ground was entirely covered with snow and there was sleighing. Throughout May there has been growing weather; the grains and grass and oats look good. There is much rain with thunder. But the peach trees are almost all frozen to death, so far as one hears. I saw no peach blossom, and there will be no sweet cherries here with us, but morello and sour cherries we will have by all appearances, and there will be apples, although one hears here and there that apple trees were frozen. The old settlers don't recall that there has ever been so cold a winter. You wrote to me that everything was so expensive where you are; that the roads are full of beggars. That is not the case here. In our community the weevils have eaten up everything in some fields; some fields they skipped. Wheat was good here; the price is more than a dollar at present. Corn is plentiful, also oats. The price of corn is not more than 33 cents and oats is 25 cents a bushel.

Again a sincere greeting to you all jointly, from me, Samuel Bauer and Barbara Bauer.

To Andrew Bower, Berks Co.  
State of Pennsylvania,  
Colebrookdale Post Office.

Barbara died April 6, 1857, but place of burial is unknown. Shortly after his wife's death Samuel Z., now an old man, went out to visit his son Jacob who, like the Tinstmans, had emigrated to Indiana. The United States' census of 1860 lists him as a member of Jacob Bauer's household. After visiting with Jake and his family for a short time he returned to Ohio, at the age of 82, to live for 13 more years with his grandchildren in Tuscarawas County. The last 5 years of his life he spent west of Dundee with his grandson Joseph, one of John's boys.

The home of Joseph Bowers was lively with a bevy of great grandchildren who loved to listen to this grizzled old patriarch tell his tales of long ago, of Indians and soldiers, of camp meetings and covered wagons, of barn raisings and maple sugaring. Their favorite diversion was to crawl under his bed and reach out to tickle his wrinkled toes.

He died Mar. 23, 1873, at the ripe old age of 95, and is buried in the Kolb Mennonite Cemetery east of Trail, Ohio, in Holmes County. All of his children preceded him in death with the exception of Susannah, but since he had been carrying on a personal feud with her husband, Mark Tinstman, he named his grandson Joseph the executor of his will. The settlement of his estate took 10 years because it involved 17 grandchildren scattered over 6 states and the disposal of their personal notes for \$2232.71 which they had borrowed at one time or another from their grandfather during his later years.



## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL ZIEGLER BAUER, 1873

Be it known to all people, that I Samuel Bowers of Wayne Twp., Tuscarawas County, do make this my last Will and Testament as Follows:

I do bequeath to my daughter Susannah Tinstman living in the State of Indiana, one third of all my monies in my possession. Only the interest of 6% on the Principal to be used by her while living with her husband, Mark Tinstman, but should his death occur before hers, the Principal and interest to come in her possession. Said Principal and all other monies held by me kept in possession until settled by my grandson Joseph Bowers of Tuscarawas County, Ohio.\*

Witnesses

Frank Weimer  
George Leibold

Signed  
Samuel Bowers (Seal)

### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL ZIEGLER BAUER AND BARBARA BEAR

1. Rev. Jacob B. Bower, born 1802, married Anne Gardner 1st and Catherine Durstine 2nd, died 1867, buried in the Mennonite Cemetery west of Patricksburg, Owen County, Indiana.
2. Susannah B. Bauer, born 1803, married Mark Tinstman, died 1886, buried in the South Union Cemetery near Locke, Indiana.
3. JOHN B. BOWERS, born 1804, married Lydia Gardner 1st, Nancy Chany 2nd, and Catherine Hartman Palmer 3rd, died 1862, buried in the Old Winebrenner Cemetery at Madisonburg, Wayne County, Ohio.
4. Samuel B. Bauer, born 1808, died in infancy, buried at the Hereford Church at Bally, Pa.
5. Lydia B. Bauer, born 1815, married John Shoup, died 1834, buried in the little Rober Farm Cemetery south of Mt. Hope, Ohio.

\* Recorded at New Philadelphia, Ohio.

## FORK IN THE TRAIL

*"For there was freedom in that wakening time  
Of tender souls; to differ was not crime;  
The varying bells made up the perfect chime."*

Between the years 1828-1832, a new wave of restless humanity picked up momentum on the European continent and hit the Atlantic seaboard of America with such force that it was felt as far west as Illinois. Rhinelanders, Scotch-Irish, English and French immigrants landed at the port of New York. Many of them worked their way south to Baltimore where they hit the start of the new National Road which had been improved as far west as Zanesville, Ohio. The immigrants made up long wagon trains and started out in search of farms and fortunes.

The land hungry look gleamed in their eyes, making them examine eagerly each new patch of timber or meadow land. They searched for rich loam and tall trees and spurned the yellow clay that clung to the hill country. Every one of them was seeking a homesite where they could put up a cabin, hoe corn and raise children. With their families and possessions they pressed on towards the waters of the Ohio.

As they crossed southwestern Pennsylvania, they were joined by a host of early Pennsylvania settlers. These seasoned emigrants were common folks, decent God-fearing people, anxious to escape the depression which had followed the War of 1812. They wanted to begin life all over again in the wilderness which demanded little more than a strong body, the willingness to work, and a belief in the goodness of God.

The children of Samuel Z. Bauer had grown up in Westmoreland County, Pa. John, Jacob and Susannah had married and established families there, but around 1830, they too caught the fever from their friends and neighbors to move farther west. Selling whatever property they owned, each of them packed up their belongings in a Conestoga Wagon and joined the never ending parade of carts, wagons, stages and livestock along the National Road. Each of their wagons carried a sickle and cradle, a plow, household equipment, tools, seeds and



plant cuttings. Behind the wagons clumped their hogs, cattle and sheep. They clung to the National Road like mosquitos to a swamp no matter how heavy the traffic became.

Sometimes their wagons were held up for hours to let a professional drover go by with the drove of hogs he was taking through from Ohio to the eastern markets in Baltimore and Washington. As high as 1000 hogs at a time would pass through and under them, shoving, squealing and grunting like the tortured crest of a muddy sea. It was always a problem who had the right of way, the hogs or the wagoners. The hogs usually won.

Often a huge freighter, heavy with produce, pushed the smaller wagons off the road into the ditch, but in spite of all these difficulties the journey to Ohio was exciting. It seemed as though all the world was on the move and the Bauer Family was a part of it. When they reached Wheeling, W. Va., they had to ferry across the Ohio River. It cost \$1.15 for their wagons and teams, and a half bit, or 6¼ cents, a head for cattle, hogs and sheep.

By the year 1830, Ohio was a virgin paradise to the movers along the National Road. Hardly a mile went by without a primitive wagon road leading off through the dense forest to the north. The Bauer wagons turned onto one of these by-roads and followed it to Dover, Ohio, in Tuscarawas County. From there they spread out, Susannah and her husband going to Shanesville and John and Jake to Mt. Eaton.

In 1830, America was an expanding civilization, so it was inevitable that the 5th generation from Hans Bauer the Pioneer would come to a fork in the trail, and branch out in different directions. Some of them left the Mennonite Congregation, but only to join other Godly sects. Some of them longed for the level plains and rich soil of Indiana, Illinois and points farther west. Susannah and her descendants ended up in Indiana.

## SUSANNAH BAUER TINSTMAN

Susannah Bauer, daughter of Samuel Z. Bauer, married Mark Tinstman of Westmoreland County, Pa. Around 1830, they established

a home near Shanesville, Ohio, and operated a flour mill there for 15 years. They raised 8 children to maturity. Their names were Barbara Heller, Samuel, Henry, Catherine McCoy, Mary Parcell, John, Joseph and Albert.

In 1847, Mark sold out in Tuscarawas County and bought a farm near Wooster, Ohio; but in 1850, he and Susannah for the second time in their married life followed the trail west. This time they migrated to Elkhart County, Ind., accompanied by Mark's mother and their three youngest boys. It required three weeks to reach their destination.

Their eldest son, Samuel, had been a soldier in the Mexican War, had ruined his health and died three months after his honorable discharge. There was a land warrant, granted him by the government for his army service, which Mark inherited and used to secure a farm in Elkhart County. The tract of land on which he located was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles west and 2 miles north of Nappanee, and contained 150 acres. He put up a log cabin and being a practical millman he soon secured a place in the Hawks Mill at Waterford. A year later he sold this government land and bought another tract in Locke Twp., which the three boys cleared and farmed until the time of the Civil War. At that time all three sons enlisted, and since Mark was still working in the mill he was forced to sell his farm.

He and Susannah located for a short time in Harrison Twp., but finally they bought 40 acres in the village of Locke, near their children, where Mark found employment in the grist mill and where they spent their declining years. Both lived to be 82 years of age and are buried in the South Union Cemetery near Locke. The natives of Locke Twp., always said that Mark and Susannah were honest and upright folks who never made much money but who never asked a penny from anyone. Susannah left a will probated in 1886, leaving her estate of \$598.50 to be divided among her children and grandchildren.

One of their sons, John, became a prominent citizen in Locke Twp. Like his father he was a miller and in 1878, became part owner of the one first-class grist and flour mill in that locality. He married Sinah





Tombstone of Samuel Z. Bauer, 1778-1873. Progenitor of most of the Bower descendants west of the Alleghenies. Kolb Mennonite Cemetery, east of Trail, Holmes County, Ohio.





The Original Homestead of Samuel L. Bauer in Douglas Twp., Montgomery County, near Bally, Pa.



Original Homestead of Abraham W. Bauer in Woodcock Valley south of Huntingdon, Pa.



Platter and had 11 children. Another son Albert lived for 15 years in South Bend, spent 10 years in Arkansas and finally came back to Elkhart County in 1892. He settled in Nappanee, where he worked in a furniture factory until he was 75 years of age. He was a skilled worker, an artist in his special field which was wood turning. He was married twice, first to Nancy Boyer who gave him one daughter and second to Parlia McGowen who presented him with two more girls. His date of death and place of burial are unknown.

## JACOB BEAR BOWER

Jacob B. Bower, son of Samuel Z. and Barbara Bear Bauer, was born in 1802, in Douglas Twp., Montgomery County, Pa. In 1816, when he was 14 years of age, his family migrated to Westmoreland County near Alverton where they belonged to a large and active Mennonite Community. Both Jake and his brother John participated in the church meeting. John led singing and Jake at an early age was chosen by lot to preach.

In 1824, he was united in marriage to Ann Gardner, an older sister of his brother John's first wife. They set up housekeeping near Alverton, and had three children, Samuel, John and Barbara. Jake was ambitious and, being utterly convinced that the Lord helps those who help themselves, he moved in 1828 to Ohio, where land was plentiful and cheap, and became a land speculator in Tuscarawas County. Two years later, in 1830, he bought 70 acres for \$550 in section 20 of Paint Twp., in Wayne County, Ohio, along Route 241.

When he first bought the land he and his family lived in an old log house near the spring. Soon after he moved there, however, he built a large barn and a two-story house which was later muddled over. These buildings are still standing today. The house is gradually falling to pieces, but the barn is being used by the present owner, Frank Shoup.

Jake was a man of peace but he had a way of solving an unpleasant situation that endeared him to the entire community. One story the old timers love to tell involved two small landowners who lived near Jake, one a slick opportunist and the other a simple Swiss immigrant.

The slicker kept taking advantage of the Swisser until Jake could stand it no longer, so he went to the man's house and said, "How much do you want for your land?" The wily fellow named a high figure, much more than the land was worth, thinking Jake would back down, but Jake only said, "Jump into the buggy and we'll go to town and make it legal." That is how Jake got rid of one undesirable character in his neighborhood.

The same year that he established his homestead he and Anne helped to organize the Longenecker Mennonite Church in Holmes County, between Winesburg and Mt. Eaton, where Jake became one of the first preachers. Services were conducted in German, and he used the New Testament for a textbook. Mennonites gathered from miles around, and interest was so great that on a communion Sunday not all of the people would be able to crowd into the church. On some occasions the crowd outside the building was as large as that inside. Most Mennonites are excellent singers, but the singing at the Longenecker Church was exceptional due to the Longenecker Family who were all unusually good at leading. So, as a result of Jake's fine preaching and the Longenecker singing, the new congregation grew rapidly and thrived. It declined considerably, however, around 1850, because so many of the congregation emigrated to Indiana.

In 1835, Jake's wife and helpmate, Anne Gardner, died, leaving him with 5 motherless children; so, in 1838, he married Catherine Durstine, a spinster from Westmoreland County, Pa., who was visiting relatives in Holmes County, Ohio. To this union was born six more children. In 1853, they sold the 70 acre homestead and moved to a 160 acre farm located one mile southeast of Dundee, Ohio, along the road from Dundee to Winfield. In 1857, Jake sold this tract of land for \$6000 and moved with his family to a Mennonite settlement in Owen County, Ind.

People were flocking into Indiana at that time by the hundreds, drawn by the exaggerated tales of broad prairies and growing towns. These emigrants all traveled the National Pike which had been improved as far west as Indianapolis. From there on it was a miserable



trail of muddy planks, deep chuck holes and weeds which "shuk the innards right out of a man." There was every kind of vehicle on the road from a two-wheel pushcart to a prairie schooner, all going west. The road itself had settled down to the prosaic job of being a farmer's highway. It carried sweaty men and loads of corn, wheat, potatoes and vegetables on their way to market. Wagon loads of grunting hogs and shorthorn cattle moved steadily along its uneven surface. Sometimes as many as 20 of these wagons, called land-admirals, would pass by in one day. Livestock was money in the farmer's pocket, and the growing nation needed all the cereals that could be raised. Indiana was in for a boom time.

There were no dense forests to be cleared. All the emigrant had to do was put his hand to the plow and turn over the soft warm earth. Sometimes the wind slithering through the long grass nearly drove him crazy, but in time he got accustomed to the sound and from then on it was like sweet music to his ears.

Jake bought two farms when he reached Indiana, along the County line between Owen and Clay Counties. He said one was for himself and one for the Lord. He chose the one located in Marion Twp., Owen County, for his homestead. In 1858, he paid \$2200 for 120 acres, donating enough of the land to the Mennonites for a church and cemetery. A history of Owen County states that these Mennonites in Marion Twp. had a substantial temple of worship and a very active membership. Today the church is gone but the cemetery is still in existence. It is located five miles west of Patricksburg, in an area which is now being utilized for strip mining.

Jake was ordained a Bishop when he moved to Indiana. He built a two-story log house with a large attic, and up until the time the church was built he held occasional services in his own home. The people came from miles around, some of them arriving on Friday night. Each family brought along a food donation, everything from baked beans to apple pie. Being practical minded people they always ate before the preaching so the children wouldn't get restless. The men improvised tables and benches under the trees; the women carried

out the food. Reverently they bowed their heads in silent grace, and then with gusto attacked the huge platters of victuals. It was so good to eat, and talk, and laugh together.

After the things were cleared away, Jake's boys passed out the song books and they sang, O Happy Day, Beulah Land, and Blest be the Tie that Binds. The words were sweet upon their lips. After that Jake read from his Bible which was written in German print. He knew the words by heart, but the book felt like an old friend in his hands. Then he talked to his family and neighbors, interpreting the scriptures and telling them all that was in his heart. It was so good to hear a preaching, and how they loved to meditate and pray. There was no strain, only a deep sense of peace and quiet enjoyment in the presence of God. They all had to leave early in order to get home in time to do the chores.

After the church building was erected, not far from Jake's house, they held services every second Sunday. The members of the congregation who lived some distance away still accepted the hospitality of Bishop Jake for the weekend.

The Bower's hired girl, Susannah Schrantz, was forced to do the cooking for these regular guests. They would start coming on Friday night and by Sunday noon there was quite a houseful. Jake was very fond of Susannah and treated her like his own daughter. He often made the statement that any one who wanted to marry Susannah would first have to get his permission.

There was no lack of provisions for her to use in the cooking and baking. There was always plenty of butter and good rich cream. None of the milk was ever wasted as the surplus was scalded on the back of the stove to make smearcase. The attic was filled with bags of dried fruit and maple sugar which were the chief ingredients for the pies that had to be baked on Saturday before meeting. Often as many as 23 pies were baked along with the bread in a huge outdoor oven. The maple sugar had to be tediously shaved into fine slivers before it could be used. Poor Susannah seldom got to attend services, she was so busy in the kitchen.



Bishop Jake not only preached in the new church, but also acted as janitor, keeping the place tidy and warm. It was the Lord's house, he often said, and he was a servant of the Lord. It was easy to see why this Godly man was loved and respected by all the members of his congregation. He died in 1867, at the age of 65; Catherine lived until the year 1879. They are both buried in the old Mennonite Cemetery, west of Patricksburg, which Jake himself laid out. On each of their identical tombstones is the following inscription:

Weep not for me, I am at rest,  
My soul is with my Savior blest;  
I am from pain and sorrow free,  
Prepare to meet your God with me.

#### CHILDREN OF REV. JACOB BEAR BAUER AND ANNE GARDNER

1. Samuel Bowers, born 1825, married Sarah Bayes 1st, married Martha Dillon 2nd, died 1881, buried at Highland, Kansas.
2. John Bauer, born 1826, married Elizabeth Balmer 1st, married Hannah Monesmith 2nd, married Susannah Schrantz 3rd, died 1905, buried in Castle Hill Cemetery south of Bloomfield, Ind.
3. Barbara Bauer, born 1828, married John Roland, date of death and place of burial unknown.
4. Mary Bauer, born 1830, died in infancy.
5. Lydia Bauer, born 1833, married Edward Nydegger, died 1909, buried at the Swiss Church near Trail, Ohio.
6. Elizabeth Bauer, born 1835, died 1849, buried at the Longenecker Mennonite Church between Mt. Eaton and Winesburg.

#### CHILDREN OF BISHOP JACOB BEAR BOWER AND CATHERINE DURSTINE

7. Henry Bower, born 1839, married Elizabeth Kettering, died 1913, buried at Columbus, Kansas.

8. Leah Bower, born 1841, married John Kauble, died 1921, buried at Cherryvale, Kansas.
9. Jacob Bower, born 1842, died in infancy and buried at the Longenecker Mennonite Church.
10. Sarah Bower, born 1844, married Samuel Oberholtzer, died 1915, buried in the Mennonite Cemetery west of Patricksburg, Ind.
11. Levi Bower, born 1846, died 1860, buried in the Mennonite Cemetery west of Patricksburg, Ind.
12. Eli Bower, born 1848, married Sarah Hostetler, died 1919, buried at Casey, Ill.

### SAMUEL G.

Samuel G., the eldest child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1825, in Westmoreland County, Pa. When he was only three years old, he came with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio, in a Conestoga wagon. Part of the time he was allowed to ride in the trundle bed which was fastened to the back of the wagon, so he could watch the live-stock following in their tracks. He was raised on a farm located two miles south-west of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. In 1849, he married Sarah Bayes and lived on a farm in Holmes County, near Millersburg. During their brief marriage they were active members of the Methodist Church. Sarah died in childbirth in 1850, leaving an infant son, John Wesley. She is buried in an old abandoned Methodist Cemetery south of Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

In 1852, Samuel G. married Martha Dillon, the daughter of a prosperous farmer near Dundee, Ohio, and moved to Tuscarawas County where he speculated in land around Barrs Mills and Dundee. During this period of his life he changed his surname from Bauer to Bowers. He and Martha built a new house on one of their farms near Barrs Mills, but it burned down the night it was finished. Recovering from this stroke of bad luck, they went to Winfield and bought a farm with a lovely Dutch Colonial house which was practically new. The farm buildings were nestled down in a beautiful little valley along the



road between Winfield and Dover. During the six years they spent in this locality, Samuel G. was forced to sell the buildings and divide the land, so he built a smaller house for his family on the crest of the hill in the direction of Winfield.

While they lived here he supplied all of his neighbors with Yankee cheese and thereby acquired the reputation of being an expert cheese maker. He was a very small man in stature but exceedingly smart, "not smart enough to make money though," or so the neighbors said. He had nine children, all like their father. One son, Henry, was smart as a whip when a boy. He was a great talker and it is said "could tell more than he knew."

In 1878, Samuel G. decided to try his luck out west, so he sold out in Ohio, and moved to Kansas in a prairie schooner. There he settled on a farm in Doniphan County, near Highland, where he died in 1881. Both he and Martha are buried at Highland, Kansas.

The following are the children of Samuel G. Bowers: Wesley Bowers, Highland, Kansas; Lewis Bowers, Boise, Idaho; Charles Bowers, Wichita, Kansas; Henry Bowers, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Alcid Bowers, Highland, Kansas; Carrie Growt, Summit, N. J.; Mattie Evans, New York City. Carrie is the only one still living at this date, 1952. She is 80 years old. Samuel G. Bowers had 9 children and 18 grandchildren.

## JOHN G.

John G., the 2nd child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1826, in Westmoreland County, Pa. When he was only two years old he came to Ohio with his parents in a Conestoga wagon and was raised on a farm in Wayne County, southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. As a boy he went to country school and attended the Longenecker Mennonite Church between Winesburg and Mt. Eaton.

In 1850, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Balmer and lived on a farm near Wooster, Ohio, in Wayne County. Elizabeth died in

childbirth in 1851. Her place of burial is unknown. In 1853, John married Hannah Monesmith whose home was near Wooster, and about 1855, they migrated to Indiana where they settled on a farm in Steuben County, near Angola. Hannah died in 1860, following the birth of her third child, leaving John with four small children. Not knowing where to turn for help he took his motherless brood to the home of his father, Bishop Jake, west of Patricksburg, in Owen County.

Living in the same house was a hired girl by the name of Susannah Schrantz. She was such a fine woman that they all treated her like one of the family. She and the young widower, John Bauer, were married in 1863, and lived for a year or two at Mineral, southeast of Bloomfield, in Greene County, Indiana.

John was drafted for service in the Civil War but was rejected because of a broken great toe. In those days men could pay out their draft if they were unable to fight; so John, although suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, made roofing shingles by hand until he had earned enough money to reimburse the Government. Susannah went along to the woods with him every day and worked faithfully by his side. It must have been hard on both of them.

In 1867, they rented a farm in Fairplay Twp., west of Bloomfield, and lived in a log cabin on that farm until 1870. In that year John paid \$200 for four acres of land directly across the road from their cabin and in 1873, he built a fine new house which is still standing. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Daisy Van Deventer, is living there at the present time, 1952. John died in 1905. Both he and Susannah are buried in the "Castle Hill Cemetery" which is located high on a hill overlooking all the surrounding territory. Standing sentinel over their graves is a magnificent old pine tree.

John G. bequeathed to his children a fine religious heritage which has been apparent in the moral virtues they have displayed during their lives. His son, Levi, will long be remembered by the citizens of



Bloomfield since he was County Treasurer for two terms and was much admired by his co-workers for his strict morals and conscientious service. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. As a boy he quit school at the end of the 8th grade, but at the age of 26, seeing the value of higher education, he decided to finish his schooling. He and his younger sister, Lizzie, went to Normal School at Bloomfield. They lived in a single room, his sister cooking for both of them. Their beds were made of long poles and burlap sacks which folded up during the day. This was obtaining an education the hard way, but gave Levi a sympathetic understanding of human nature. He taught school for many years and must have been a very good teacher for many of his former pupils have said, "Levi Bauer was the best teacher I ever had."

John G. and Susannah Bauer raised 5 children to maturity. They all established homes in and around Bloomfield. John and his son Levi were the only descendants of Samuel Z. Bauer who never changed their surname from Bauer to Bower or Bowers.

The following are the children of John G. Bauer: Angeline Vanslyke, Bloomfield, Ind.; Abigail Sheehy, Bloomfield, Ind.; Levi Bauer, Bloomfield, Ind.; Elizabeth Jarvis, Switz City, Ind.; Daisy Van Deventer, Bloomfield, Ind. Daisy is the only one still living at this date, 1952. She is 77 years old. John G. Bauer had 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

### BARBARA

Barbara, the 3rd child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1828, the year Jake and Anne came from Westmoreland County, Pa., to Ohio. Barbara married John Roland from Holmes County, and lived on a farm along Route 241 between Mt. Hope and Mt. Eaton, Ohio. John died young, the farm was sold and Barbara moved away. Nothing further is known concerning her. Even her date of death and place of burial are unknown. They had children, but nothing is known concerning them.

## MARY

Mary, the 4th child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1830, and died in infancy. The place of burial is unknown.

## LYDIA

Lydia, the 5th child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1833, on their farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. She married Edward F. Nydegger and lived at Mt. Hope, Ohio. Edward was a Civil War veteran, wounded three times and once left on the battlefield for dead. He was born in Switzerland and came to Winesburg, Ohio, in 1850. He was a tailor by trade and sat crosslegged for hours on a table drawn close to the window, working on suits for his friends and neighbors. Lydia died in 1909, and both she and Edward are buried at the Swiss Church east of Trail, Ohio. They had no children.

## ELIZABETH

Elizabeth, the 6th child of Jacob B. and Anne Gardner Bauer, was born in 1835. She died in 1849, at the age of 14 and is buried at the Longenecker Mennonite Church where her father preached. The church is on the road between Mt. Eaton and Winesburg, Ohio. Elizabeth was the last of Anne's children as Anne died soon after she was born.

## HENRY D.

Henry D., the first child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1839, on the 70 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. Henry attended country school and grew to manhood in Paint Twp. In 1857, when he was 18 years old, the family moved from Ohio to Owen County, in Indiana. Here he met and married Elizabeth Kettering and lived on a farm in Owen County. In 1867, following his father's death he moved his family to Illinois. In 1880, he was living in Clark County near Casey, Ill. In 1881, he and Elizabeth decided to go farther west, so they loaded their seven



children, their household furnishings and necessary farm equipment into two prairie schooners drawn by two fine teams and started for Kansas. They bought a farm and settled in Cherokee County, near Columbus, where they lived for the rest of their lives. Henry died in 1913, and both he and Elizabeth are buried at Columbus, Kansas. They had 10 children and 31 grandchildren.

The following are the children of Henry and Elizabeth Bower: Eli Bower, Waldron, Ind.; Jacob Bower, Baxter Springs, Kansas; Martha Schultz, Columbus, Kansas; Catherine McConalouge, Scammon, Kansas; Margaret Wright, Weir, Kansas; Rosetta Schultz, Columbus, Kansas; and Lucy Jarrett, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

### LEAH

Leah, the 2nd child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1841, on their farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. She moved with her parents to Owen County, Indiana, married John B. Kauble, and lived on a farm in Owen County. In 1877, they moved by prairie schooner to Cherokee County, Kansas, and bought a farm near Weir, where they spent the rest of their lives. Leah died in 1921, and both she and John are buried at Cherryvale, Kansas. Leah and John raised 10 children.

The following are the children of Leah and John B. Kauble: Sarah Schiver, Casey, Ill.; Laura Baldwin, Galesburg, Ill.; Jacob Kauble, Green Castle, Ind.; Eleanor Alderson, Crestline, Kansas; John Kauble, California; Abraham Kauble, Cherryvale, Kansas; Alice Alexander, Bartlesville, Okla.; Belle Harris, Oklahoma; Clara Long, Ord, Nebr.; Lillie Kauble, Weir, Kansas.

### JACOB

Jacob, the 3rd child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1842. He died in 1843, and is buried at the Longenecker Mennonite Church between Winesburg and Mt. Eaton, Ohio, where his father preached.

## SARAH

Sarah, the 4th child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1844, on their farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. In 1857, at the age of 13, she moved with her parents from Ohio to Owen County, Ind., where she finished her schooling and grew to womanhood. She married Samuel Oberholtzer, a 2nd cousin, and moved to Clay County where they lived on a farm near Bowling Green, Ind. They raised 5 children. Sarah died in 1915, and both she and Samuel are buried in the Mennonite Cemetery west of Patricksburg, Ind.

The following are the children of Sarah and Samuel Oberholtzer: Milton Oberholtzer, Bowling Green, Ind.; Rufus Oberholtzer, Bowling Green, Ind.; John Oberholtzer, Bowling Green, Ind.; Abraham Oberholtzer, Bowling Green, Ind.; and Bertha Norman, Bowling Green, Ind.

## LEVI D.

Levi D., the 5th child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1846, on their farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. In 1857, he moved with his parents from Ohio to Owen County, Indiana, where he went to country school and grew to be a fine strong boy. It was very tragic when his life was cut short at the age of 14 by an unavoidable accident. While working in the woods he was fatally crushed by a falling tree. He is buried beside his father and mother in the Mennonite Cemetery west of Patricksburg, Ind.

## ELI D.

Eli D., the 6th child of Jacob B. and Catherine Durstine Bower, was born in 1848, on the 70 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. He was the youngest in a family of 12 children. When he was around nine years old, his father and mother moved the family from Ohio to Owen County, Indiana. Here on their Indiana homestead, west of Patricksburg, he attended country school and grew to manhood. In 1867, at the time of his father's death, Eli



was 19 years old and the only one of the children still living at home, so naturally he stayed there and worked the farm for his mother. In 1869, the rest of the heirs all sold out to Eli and his mother, each heir receiving \$200 for his share. In 1873, he married Sarah Hostetler and moved to Clark County, Illinois, where he bought a farm four miles southwest of Casey.

To the union of Eli and Sarah were born seven children. Sarah died in 1909, and after that Eli lived with his daughter Elizabeth and son Walter in the old home. About 1887, he joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and remained a trustee until his death. Eli was an energetic farmer and was among the very successful men of his neighborhood. He was also interested in banking, having been a president of the Eagle Bank in Casey, Ill. Eli and Sarah had 7 children and 16 grandchildren.

The following are the children of Eli and Sarah Bower: Elizabeth Bower, Casey, Ill.; John Bower, Casey, Ill.; Bruce Bower, Casey, Ill.; Walter Bower, Casey, Ill.; Furl Bower, Casey, Ill.; Lilly Brown, Casey, Ill.; and Herman Bower, Casey, Ill. They are all still living at this date, 1952, except Elizabeth who died in 1946.

## JOHN BEAR BOWERS

John B. Bowers, son of Samuel Z. and Barbara Bear Bauer, was born in 1804, in Douglas Twp., Montgomery County, Pa.; but in 1816, at the age of 12, his family moved to Westmoreland County near Alverton, where John grew to maturity. In 1827, he married Lydia Gardner, a younger sister of his brother Jake's 1st wife, and had two boys, Joe and Sammy. In 1831, John moved his family by covered wagon to Ohio, and the following year, 1832, he bought a 40 acre farm two miles southwest of Mt. Eaton, in section 17, Paint Twp., Wayne County, Ohio, for \$300.

His farm was located in forest country. The huge trees made a leafy tent over the dark brown earth. Buckeyes, beechnuts, walnuts and ash trees reached up to the sky. Squirrels chattered and fussed at the deer

who disturbed their feeding. John felled the largest trees in a broad shallow ravine, and near the spot where a cool spring trickled out of the hillside he built a log cabin. The foundation stones are still standing. There was a patch of grass-land in the ravine through which a timid little stream flowed quietly, offering cool refreshment to the livestock grazing along its banks. Watercress, peppermint and spearmint grew in profusion, saturating the air with their fragrance.

They lived a simple life. To grow their first crop all they had to do was turn over the sod, drop corn in the rich furrows, cover with a hoe and wait until the harvest. Their days and the seasons fell into a regular pattern. Spring was for plowing and seeding, fall for corn husking and harvesting. The hot summer days were for cultivating and grubbing; wintertime was for hunting and of course there was always work to be done on the cabin, barn and other farm buildings. For recreation there were literaries, husking bees, quiltings, barn raisings and maple sugaring.

John and Lydia had 8 more children after coming to Ohio. They joined the Winebrenner branch of the Church of God and lived a pious abundant life. Lydia died in 1849, at the age of 43. She is buried in the Beidler Cemetery west of Wilmot on Route 62. John then married a school teacher by the name of Nancy Chaney from Doylestown, but she became mentally ill and passed away during the first year of their marriage.

Soon after this sad experience he married Catherine Hartman Palmer, a widow from Smithville, Ohio, who took over the rearing of his six minor children. In 1857, they sold the 40 acre homestead and moved to a 82 acre farm located in Green Twp., one-half mile northwest of Smithville. The house on this farm is still standing, but is not in use. In the kitchen is a large red brick hearth and fireplace, blackened with smoke and age. The iron brackets still swing on their hinges and a rusty ring waits patiently for someone to put the kettle on. They became active members of the Winebrenner Church at Madisonburg, 3 miles to the west. They both died in the year 1862, and are buried in the old Winebrenner Cemetery at Madisonburg. The



church building is no longer in existence and the cemetery is sadly neglected, but their stones are in good condition. John has the following inscription on his marker:

"Farewell dear children, all farewell  
From you, your Father Christ doeth call,  
Mourn not for me, it is in vain  
To call me to your sight again."

The stone has an open Bible and a hand pointing upward with the expression, "Meet me in Heaven."

Besides being active in church work, John was a music teacher and a very good singer. For years he taught music in country school and led singing at church and literary. His talent and love for music were not lost when he died but live on in the lives of his descendants, among whom are a number of very fine musicians.

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN B. BOWERS - 1862

I, John Bowers of Green Twp., Wayne County, Ohio, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, being mindful of my mortality, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament as follows: First and principally, I recommend my immortal spirit to God who gave it in hope of a joyful resurrection, send my body to the Earth, when it shall please God to separate my soul and body to be buried decently at the discretion of my executor.

And as to such worldly estate as it pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose thereof as follows; It is my request that after my death, that public sale be made of all my effects, expenses and debts if any shall be paid by the same, and when my debts are all paid, it is my request that the balance of effects shall be equally divided among all my children (except my three daughters) which are to have extra pay for services rendered overage as follows; my daughter Mary, now living in the West, I bequeath fifty dollars provided she will come in person and fetch it, and my daughter Susan, I bequeath fifty dollars and my daughter Lydia twenty dollars.

And lastly, I do nominate and constitute my friend John Zimmerman of Wayne County, to be my Executor of my last Will and Testament with full power to sell, convey and make deed as if I were present and done it myself.

Whereunto I set my hand and Seal to this last Will and Testament this tenth day of August A. D. 1862.†

Witnesses

John Zimmerman  
Quincy A. Keiffer

Signed  
John Bowers (Seal)

## CHILDREN OF JOHN BEAR BOWERS AND LYDIA GARDNER

1. JOSEPH BOWERS, born 1828, married Caroline Groop, died 1920, buried at Manchester, Ohio.
2. Samuel Bowers, born 1830, married Lucretia Kilgore 1st, married Paulina Ley 2nd, died 1906, buried at Dakota, Ill.
3. Jacob Bowers, born 1833, married Rachael Truman, died 1921, buried at Canaan, Ohio, in Wayne County.
4. Mary Bowers, born 1835, married John Reynolds, date of death and place of burial unknown.
5. Susan Bowers, born 1837, married John Purcell, died 1906, buried at Doylestown, Ohio.
6. Lydia Bowers, born 1839, married John Bear, died 1903, buried at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
7. Barbara Bowers, born 1840, died in infancy.
8. John Bowers, born 1842, married Catherine Boyd 1st, married Julia Ann Bair 2nd, died 1925, buried at Dundee, Ohio.
9. Henry Bowers, born 1845, married Catherine Emmons, died 1909, buried at Eaton Rapids, Mich.
10. Levi Bowers, born 1846, married Sevilla Smith, died 1930, buried at Wadsworth, Ohio.

## JOSEPH

Joseph, the oldest child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1828, in Westmoreland County, Pa., but at the age of three he migrated with his father and mother to Wayne County, Ohio. Here, southwest of Mt. Eaton, he attended country school and grew to manhood.

† Recorded at Wooster, Ohio.

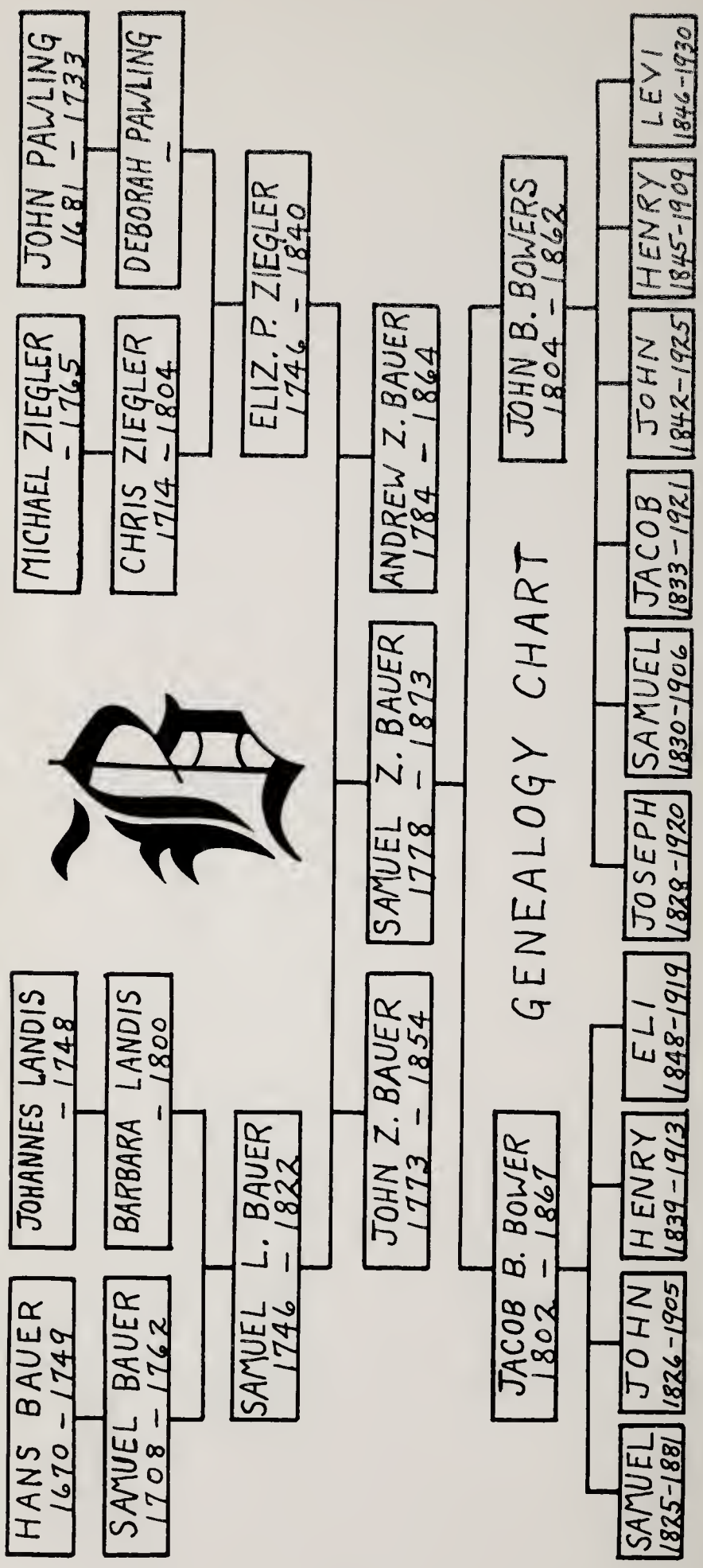




Tombstone of John B. Bowers  
1804-1862  
Winebrenner Burying Ground  
Madisonburg, north of  
Wooster, Ohio

House built prior to 1850  
by Rev. Jacob B. Bower  
Paint Twp., Wayne County, Ohio  
Still standing but not in use





A Genealogy Chart including the maternal lines of Samuel Z. Bauer, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1831.



In 1851, he married Caroline Groop from Maysville, Ohio. Caroline was the daughter of sturdy pioneer stock. Her father, George Groop, died young leaving a wife and two minor children with only a log cabin and a few household possessions between them and starvation. Her mother, Anna Magdalene Groop, being an extremely religious person of more than average intelligence, rose magnificently to meet the situation. She started a country school in an abandoned log cabin in the midst of the forest and walked several miles each day to get there, in order to earn a meager living as a teacher. She was the first to arrive at school in the morning and the last to leave at night. She had to keep the wood box filled and have a good hot fire going before the children arrived. Sometimes it was so dark when she arrived home that 14 year old Caroline and her brother, George, would pound a lively tattoo with pots and pans in front of the cabin door so their mother could follow the sound.

At one time they became so destitute that they were down to a few handfuls of meal, but Magdalene, having an unquestioning faith in the goodness of God, prayed all night long for help, and her children later testified that the next morning a large basket of provisions was in front of their cabin door, placed there by the hand of Providence.

Consequently, when Joseph Bowers married Caroline Groop, he gave to his children not only a good mother but a wonderful religious heritage as well. They both had pioneer blood in their veins and could not withstand the urge to migrate so, following their marriage, they moved to Williams County, in northwestern Ohio. This section of Ohio had rich soil but was swampy and consequently unhealthy. Joseph became afflicted with a form of malaria known as the ague which is non-existent today. He shook until his teeth chattered, and then on the rebound piled on layer after layer of warm clothing to cover his chilled bones. He would work on intermediate days when he felt better, and then on bad days would go to bed for another shake. His wife said that sometimes he "shuk and shuk until he shuk the whole cabin."

Caroline and their two babies, George and Harriet, also took ill, so in 1855, they came back home and bought a farm near Brandywine in Tuscarawas County, where they lived until 1863.

Joseph was drafted for service in the Civil War but paid \$500 for a substitute. That was a lot of money in those days but he felt that he could not bear to leave his wife and five children to go to war, and besides that, he was a sincere conscientious objector to war itself.

In 1865, he bought a 160 acre farm west of Dundee, Ohio, along Walnut Creek, from a Fred Richenbach. Here he raised nine children and farmed until his retirement. He was a very devout member of the Walnutcreek Church of God and often participated in divine healing. The following testimony was printed in their church paper by his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. P. Small:

### HEALED BY DIVINE POWER

"I wish to pen a few lines for our beloved readers of the Advocate who may be afflicted. It will be two years on January 12 that my husband came home sick with the gripe. \*\*\* On the 15th I took the same disease which almost took my life; but God spared me for some purpose. It left me in a helpless condition. I could not walk for six months. Husband had to carry me, or I had to be drawn on a rocking chair. During the hot summer months, I was much worse, until I thought I must die. \*\*\* There are several members in the church at Walnutcreek that believe in divine healing. One Sunday after prayer meeting they came to the home of my brother-in-law, Joseph Bowers, and prayed for me, anointing my head with oil as directed in James 5:14,15. \*\*\* Although my body was weak, my appetite grew better and I soon grew much stronger. The following Sunday I was able to attend meeting and got up to say something for the Lord. I was full of the spirit of my Master and could say nothing but glory to Jesus. Husband and I returned home after that meeting and took up housekeeping. I have done my work ever since. I do praise the name of the Lord. \*\*\* I desire to give my testimony in favor of divine healing."

Mrs. W. P. Small

The day came when Joseph and Caroline Bowers were neither one able to farm, due to old age, so they retired to a house and lot along the road running past their farm, close to the old cheese house. The last years of their life were spent among their children. Caroline died



in 1918, and Joseph in 1920, at the age of 92. They are both buried at Manchester, near Akron, Ohio.

One of their daughters, Senora, was the mother of Lister O. Weiss, the publisher of this book. Senora Bowers was born at the close of the Civil War, one of the last of the pioneer women, seven generations removed from Hans Bauer, first immigrant. She lived to see the 20th Century usher in an age of modern conveniences from bathtubs to automobiles. During her lifetime she exhibited the unshakable faith of her great grandfather Samuel Z., the religious fervor of her father, Joseph, and the quiet strength of her grandmother Groop.

She married Nicholas Weiss whose family had migrated from Switzerland to Holmes County, Ohio, in 1832. They started house-keeping in a two-story log house near Trail. Nicholas died of typhoid fever in 1900, leaving Senora with six children, from 2 to 11 years of age, to raise as best she could. There were five boys and one girl. Lister was the youngest.

With indomitable courage she began the impossible task of farming 100 acres of land, keeping house for her lively family and managing her own finances. She went ahead with her husband's plan to build a new frame house, and made that dream come true. She acquired a fine two-horse surrey to transport the family back and forth to church. They attended Sunday School at the Swiss Church near Trail, and protracted meeting at the Walnutcreek Church of God. Each little boy had a nice wool suit for Sunday and the little girl was always starched and tidy.

Senora was extremely proud of her children and had great aspirations for their future. Due to her inspiration and encouragement, five of them graduated from college; one became a doctor and one a successful farmer and rural mail carrier; four of them entered the teaching profession. Lister O. Weiss is located at Buchtel High School, Akron, Ohio.

Senora Bowers Weiss had a happy disposition and an even temperament. She always had a hymn on her lips and laughed easily. She

died as she lived uncomplaining, and grateful for the loving care which she so richly deserved.

The following are the children of Joseph and Caroline Bowers: George Bowers, Dover, Ohio; Harriet Lehner, Dundee, Ohio; Ellen Egger, Spokane, Wash.; Charlotte Overholt, Akron, Ohio; Lorinda Carmany, Manchester, Ohio; SENORA WEISS, Dundee, Ohio; Oliver Bowers, Akron, Ohio; Anna King, LaGrande, Ore.; and Thomas Bowers, Barberton, Ohio. Lorinda and Oliver are still living at this date, 1952. Lorinda is 90 years old and the oldest known living descendant of Hans Bauer. Oliver is 85 and is living with his son Paul Bowers near Tallmadge, Ohio. Joseph and Caroline had 10 children and 35 grandchildren.

## SAMUEL

Samuel, the 2nd child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1830, in Westmoreland County, Pa., but when only one year old his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, southwest of Mt. Eaton, where he attended country school and grew to maturity. He was married in 1855, to Lucretia Kilgore and lived on a farm near Wooster, Ohio. Lucretia lived but seven years after their marriage. During these years three children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy.

His wife died during the dark days of the Civil War, and soon after her death Samuel enlisted as a soldier in the 169th Ohio Volunteers Infantry.

In 1865, he married Paulina Ley and to them were born four children, 3 boys and a girl. In 1866, they moved from Wayne County, Ohio, to Stephenson County, Ill., where they bought a 160 acre farm near Dakota. For many years Samuel lived with his family on this farm, becoming prosperous and seeing his children grow to manhood and womanhood. In 1903, he moved from the farm to the village of Dakota, where he remained until his death in 1906, at the age of 75. For many months previous to his death Samuel was in poor health. Slowly but steadily his strength failed and he knew that the end



could not be far off. With Christian patience and resignation he awaited God's will.

Samuel Bowers had, in an unusual degree, the respect and confidence of the people in the community. For many years he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder for over 30 years. Paulina lived until 1939, and died at the age of 93. Both are buried at Dakota, Ill.

The following are the children of Samuel Bowers: Laura Weis, Marion, Iowa; Charles Bowers, Garden City, Kansas; Clement Bowers, Dakota, Ill.; Ida Greider, Freeport, Ill.; Frank Bowers, Dakota, Ill. Clement, Ida, and Frank are still living at this date, 1952, and are all over 80 years of age. Samuel had 7 children and 12 grandchildren.

### JACOB

Jacob, the 3rd child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1833, on the 40 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, in Wayne County, Ohio. In 1854, he married Rachael Truman and lived at Canaan, in Wayne County. He was a stone mason by trade. He died in 1921, at the age of 88. Both he and his wife Rachael are buried at Canaan, Ohio.

The following are the children of Jacob Bowers: Katherine Marshall, Canaan, Ohio; Webster Bowers, Los Angeles, Cal.; Clement Bowers, Canaan, Ohio; Truman Bowers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Delphus Bowers, Creston, Ohio; Frank Jacob Bowers, Canaan, Ohio; Myrtle Teeple, Bishop, Cal.; Gertrude Perry, Copley, Ohio; Benjamin Bowers, Hudson, Ohio. Myrtle is the only one living at this date, 1952, and she is 79 years old. Jacob and Rachael had 11 children and 28 grandchildren.

### MARY

Mary, the 4th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1835, on the farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. She married John Reynolds and moved to Williams County, Ohio. Her date of death and place of burial are unknown. They had two children, John and Samuel, but nothing is known concerning them.

## SUSAN

Susan, the 5th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1837, on the farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. She married John Purcell and lived in Doylestown, Ohio. She died in 1906, and both she and John are buried at Doylestown. They had two children, William of Amherst, Ohio, and Mary Franks of Dixon, Ill.

## LYDIA

Lydia, the 6th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1839, on the farm southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. She married John Bear and lived on a farm near Smithville, Ohio. In 1875, they moved to Lynn County, Iowa, and lived on a farm near Cedar Rapids. Lydia died in 1903, and both she and John are buried at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They had three children: Malissa died in infancy and is buried at Smithville; William Bear is buried in Iowa; and Samuel Bear is still living at this date, 1952. He is at present 78 years old and has been living for the past several years in Florida.

## BARBARA

Barbara, the 7th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1840, and died in infancy. Her place of burial is unknown.

## JOHN

John, the 8th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1842, on the 40 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. In 1857, at the age of 15, he moved with his father and stepmother to Smithville, Ohio, where he grew to maturity. During the Civil War he served in Company B, 25th Regular Ohio Volunteers Infantry. He was wounded at Honey Hill, North Carolina, and was in the hospital for six months, after which he was discharged with a pension of \$2.00 per month. In 1865, he married Catherine Boyd and lived on a farm near Dundee, Ohio, in Tuscarawas County. In 1883, Catherine died leaving two minor children. Later he married Julia Ann Bair and lived in Winfield, Ohio. John was a very religious man and belonged to the Church of God. He lived in Winfield until



1922, when Julia Ann died. After her death he spent the last three years of his life with his son, Dr. Lewis Bowers M. D. in Rockford, Ill. John died in 1925, at the age of 83 and is buried beside his first wife, Catherine, in the cemetery at Dundee, Ohio. Julia Ann is buried at the Bunker Hill Church Cemetery west of Winfield, Ohio.

John and Catherine had three children: Clara died in infancy and is buried near Dundee, Ohio; Isadora married Thomas Johnson and lived near Warren, Ohio, where they were both killed in an automobile accident in 1921; Lewis at the age of 69 is still a practicing physician and surgeon in Rockford, Ill.

### HENRY

Henry, the 9th child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1845, on the 40 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. He was 4 years old when his mother died and was raised with the rest of his brothers and sisters by his kind and loving stepmother, Catherine Palmer. He attended country school in Paint Twp., but in 1857, at the age of 12, he moved with his family to Smithville, Ohio, in Green Twp., where he grew to maturity. Near the end of the Civil War, Henry, 18, and his younger brother, Levi, enlisted in the 9th Regular Ohio Cavalry Volunteers on January 23, 1864. They served for 17 months and were discharged on July 20, 1865, at Lexington, North Carolina.

In 1867, he married Catherine Emmons and they moved to Michigan. They lived on a farm near Concord, in Jackson County, where all five of their children were born. In 1886, they moved to a farm near Eaton Rapids, in Eaton County. Here they lived for the rest of their lives, Catherine dying in 1898, and Henry in 1909. They are both buried at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The following are the children of Henry Bowers: Edward Bowers, Onondaga, Mich.; Arthur Bowers, Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Emma Phillips, Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Milton Bowers, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Nina Sharp Newlon, Charlotte, Mich. Arthur, Milton and Nina are still living at this date, 1952. Henry and Catherine had 5 children and 19 grandchildren.

## LEVI

Levi, the 10th and youngest child of John B. and Lydia Gardner Bowers, was born in 1846, on the 40 acre homestead southwest of Mt. Eaton, Ohio, in Wayne County. He was 3 years old when his mother died and was raised with the rest of his brothers and sisters by his kind and loving stepmother, Catherine Palmer. He attended country school in Paint Twp., but in 1857 he moved with his family to Green Twp. near Smithville, Ohio. He was 16 years old when in 1862, both his father and stepmother died leaving him without a home. Near the end of the Civil War, being only 17 years of age and consequently too young legally to enlist in the army, Levi misrepresented his age and enlisted with his older brother, Henry, in the 9th Regular Ohio Cavalry Volunteers on January 23, 1864. They served for 17 months and were discharged on July 20, 1865, at Lexington, North Carolina.

In 1873, he married Sevilla Smith and lived at Golden Corners, in Wayne County, Ohio. Here he was a shoemaker, carried mail, and helped to run a threshing rig. Later they moved to Wadsworth, Ohio, where Sevilla died in 1925, and Levi in 1930. They are both buried in the large Wadsworth Cemetery.

The following are the children of Levi Bowers: Emma Bowers, Akron, Ohio; Frank Bowers, Wadsworth, Ohio; Florence Kintner, Seville, Ohio; Ida Norris, Akron, Ohio; Ada Weirath, Akron, Ohio; and William Bowers, Akron, Ohio. They are all still living at this date, 1952, except Ada. Levi and Sevilla had 6 children and 11 grandchildren.



A message from the authors to the descendants of Hans and Anne Willener Bauer.

God has a plan for this world in which we live and that plan is the "Salvation of Mankind." So, whenever a civilization or economic system begins to disintegrate, out of the ashes of the old arises an embryo of the new, which keeps God's plan intact. When the slave system called feudalism was breathing its last upon the European Continent, a magnificent new spirit of independence and moral conduct arose which we call the Reformation. Hans and Anne Bauer were a part of that movement. Hans belonged to the Church People, Anne to the Plain People.

Some of you still retain the pious Quaker garb of your ancestors. Be proud and careful of that humble symbol of your piety, for running through your veins is the blood of martyrs. Many of you belong to that vast host of Protestant Church People who still possess the seeds of moral integrity which gave birth to a new nation. May those seeds come to fruition in spite of the confusion which surrounds us all.

In our travels we have unearthed very few family skeletons. Everywhere we have found men of sterling character and religious conviction. For us it has been a thrilling pilgrimage. The Bauer descendants have produced no geniuses, but on the other hand they have never been a burden to society. They belong to the middle class of honest, industrious, thrifty, God-fearing and liberty-loving American citizens. And now we beg of you to let "your light so shine before men" in a world that has seemingly lost its way.

Lister and Edna Weiss  
740 Orlando Avenue  
Akron 20, Ohio

# TRAIL'S END

*"And lo the fulness of the time has come,  
And over all the exile's Western home,  
From sea to sea the flowers of freedom bloom!"*

## THE ABRAHAM WILLENER BAUER LINEAGE

### Key

1st Generation Hans Bauer .....	1670-1749	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Anne Willener .....	1677-	Bally, Pa.
2nd Generation Abraham W. Bauer .....	1712-1760	Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Wife - Anna .....		
3rd Generation marked I, II, III, IV, etc.		
4th Generation marked A, B, C, D, E, etc.		
5th Generation marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.		
6th Generation marked a, b, c, d, e, etc.		

I. Abraham Bauer Jr. ....	-	Huntingdon Co., Pa.
A. George E. Bauer .....	-	Jefferson Co., Ohio
Wife - Mary Grim .....	-	Jefferson Co., Ohio
1. David G. Bowers .....	1785-1855	Allen County, Ind.
Wife - Susannah Harmon .....	1801-1862	Allen County, Ind.
a. Abraham L. W. Bowers .....	1819-1905	Winfield, Ohio
b. Thomas H. Bowers .....	1820-1852	Bowerston, Ohio
c. Jacob H. Bowers .....	1822-1883	Bowerston, Ohio
d. M. Louisa Warner (Daniel) .....	1824-1867	Allen County, Ind.
e. Susan Everett (Leonard) .....	1826-	
f. Sarah Bowers .....	1828-	
g. Samuel Bowers .....	1831-1834	Bowerston, Ohio
h. Joseph Bowers .....	1834-1886	Fort Wayne, Ind.
i. Lydia Bowers .....	1837-1864	Allen County, Ind.
j. Corilla Evard (James) .....	1840-1919	Allen County, Ind.
k. Adeline Shordon (George) .....	1844-	Allen County, Ind.
2. John G. Bower .....	1789-1868	Magnolia, Ohio
Wife - Christina Swickard .....	1794-1871	Magnolia, Ohio
a. George Bower .....	1813-	
b. Martin Bower .....	1814-1860	Magnolia, Ohio
c. Daniel Bower .....	1815-	
d. David Bower .....	1817-	
e. Saloma Bower .....	1819-	
f. Catherine Bower .....	1821-	
g. Christina Bower .....	1824-	
h. Eva Ann Bower .....	1827-	
i. Lucinda Klingaman (Michael) .....	1830-1906	Richland Center, Wis.
j. John Bower .....	1833-1871	Lebanon, Ohio
k. Mathias Bower .....	1836-1891	Canton, Ohio
3. Mary Bower .....		
4. Lizzie Bower .....		
5. Betsy Bower .....		
6. Magdalena Bower .....		



B. Samuel E. Bauer .....	-	Kitchener, Ont.
Wife - Lydia Sauers .....	-	Kitchener, Ont.
1. Cyrus S. Bowers .....	1816-1889	Kitchener, Ont.
a. Rev. John Bowers .....	1839-	Kitchener, Ont.
b. Jacob Bowers .....	1841-	Duluth, Minn.
c. Solon Bowers .....	1843-1843	
d. Matilda Eby (Dr. Aaron) .....	1844-	Sebringville, Ont.
e. Joseph Bowers .....	1846-1892	Kitchener, Ont.
f. Maria Shantz (Peter) .....	1848-	Preston, Ont.
g. Malinda Bollert (E. R.) .....	1854-	Guelf
2. Ann Bowman (Jacob) .....	1817-	Kitchener, Ont.
3. Harriet Barber (Robert) .....	1819-	Kitchener, Ont.
4. Louisa Bowman (Gabriel) .....	1821-	Kitchener, Ont.
5. Isaac S. Bowers .....	1823-	Ohio
6. Elizabeth Eby (Henry) .....	1825-	Kitchener, Ont.
7. William S. Bowers .....	-	Kincardine, Ont.
8. Jacob S. Bowers .....	-	Minn.
9. Levi S. Bowers .....	-	
10. Samuel S. Bowers .....	-	Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
11. Lovina Helborn (David) .....	-	Lake View, Mich.
C. Jacob E. Bauer .....	-	Lancaster, Pa.
1. Andrew Hoover Bower .....	1818-1891	Lancaster, Pa.
a. Rev. Jacob Shank Bower .....	1850-	Winchester, Va.
b. Henry S. Bowers .....		
c. Benjamin Bower .....		
II. Anna Moyer (Conrad) .....		
III. Magdalena Bechtel (Jacob) .....		
IV. Eve Gehman (Jacob) .....		
V. Esther Bauer .....		
VI. Susannah Bechtel (Martin) .....		
VII. Isaac Bauer .....	-1836	Huntingdon Co., Pa.
A. Maria Brumbaugh (George) .....	1778-1857	Marklesburg, Pa.
B. Anna Brumbaugh (Daniel) .....	1780-	Lincoln Twp.
C. Fronica Bowers .....	1782-	Penn Twp.
D. Abraham Bowers .....	1784-1859	Marklesburg, Pa.
1. Isaac Bowers .....	1809-1891	Marklesburg, Pa.
a. Rebecca Grubb (Joseph) .....	1843-1895	Marklesburg, Pa.
b. Eliza Grove (Benjamin) .....	1846-1899	Marklesburg, Pa.
c. Mary Norris (Jackson) .....	1836-1905	Marklesburg, Pa.
d. Sarah Peightel (Henry) .....	1848-1895	Marklesburg, Pa.
2. Samuel Bowers .....		
3. John Bowers .....		
E. Barbara Brumbaugh (David) .....	1786-1859	Marklesburg, Pa.
F. John Bowers .....		
G. _____ Krob (Abraham) .....		Marklesburg, Pa.
H. Isaac Bowers .....		

## THE SAMUEL WILLENER BAUER LINEAGE

### Key

1st Generation Hans Bauer .....	1670-1749	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Anne Willener .....	1677-	Bally, Pa.
2nd Generation Samuel W. Bauer .....	1708-1762	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Barbara Landis .....	-1800	Bally, Pa.
3rd Generation Samuel L. Bauer .....	1746-1822	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Elizabeth P. Ziegler .....	1746-1840	Bally, Pa.
4th Generation marked I, II, III, IV, etc.		
5th Generation marked A, B, C, D, E, etc.		
6th Generation marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.		
7th Generation marked a, b, c, d, e, etc.		
I. Susannah Z. Boyer (John) .....	1769-1830	Harmony, Pa.
A. John B. Boyer .....	1788-1860	Harmony, Pa.
B. Susannah Sechler (Abraham).....	1791-1850	
C. George B. Boyer .....	1792-1869	
D. Catherine Weitz (Jacob) .....	1793-1863	
E. Samuel B. Boyer .....		Venango Co., Pa.
F. Mary Moyer (Benjamin) .....	1798-1880	
G. Jacob B. Boyer .....	1800-1833	
H. Henry B. Boyer .....		Nebraska
I. Anna Bare (Abraham) .....	1803-1832	
J. Elizabeth Knetz (Jacob) .....		Huber's Church, Pa.
II. Barbara Z. Buchwalter (Abraham)....	1770-1868	Hallsville, Ohio
A. John B. Buchwalter .....	1787-1872	Ross County, Ohio
B. Jacob B. Buchwalter .....	1789-1863	Wabash Co., Ind.
C. Elizabeth Ponsler (.....).....	1792-1837	
D. Catherine B. Buchwalter .....	1795-1842	Pickaway Co., Ohio
E. Abraham B. Buchwalter .....	1799-1840	Ross County, Ohio
F. Joseph B. Buchwalter .....	1802-1838	Ross County, Ohio
G. Samuel B. Buchwalter .....	1804-1868	Ross County, Ohio
H. Henry B. Buchwalter.....	1814-1860	Ross County, Ohio
III. Deborah Z. Stauffer (John) .....	1771-	Chester County, Pa.
IV. John Z. Bauer .....	1773-1854	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Susannah Oberholtzer .....		Bally, Pa.
A. Catherine O. Latshaw (Samuel)....	1796-1878	Bally, Pa.
B. Samuel O. Bauer .....	1798-1875	New Berlinville, Pa.
1. Mary E. Bower .....	1825-1900	New Berlinville, Pa.
2. John E. Bower .....	1826-1901	New Berlinville, Pa.
a. Howard Bower .....	1857-	New Berlinville, Pa.
3. Daniel E. Bower .....	1827-1856	
4. Samuel E. Bower .....	1829-1918	New Berlinville, Pa.
a. Horace Bower .....	1854-	Boyertown, Pa.
b. Dianna Moyer (Ephraim)....	1856-	Boyertown, Pa.
c. Daniel Bower .....	1858-	Boyertown, Pa.
d. Samuel Bower .....	1860-	Philadelphia, Pa.
e. Elizabeth Bower .....	1861-	
5. Elizabeth Davidheiser (Wm.)..	1833-	Gibertsville, Pa.



6. Abraham E. Bower .....	1834-	Lewisburg, Pa.
a. Ida May Brady (William) .....	1859-	
b. Laura Hunsicker		
(Rev. R. M.) .....	1862-	Philadelphia, Pa.
c. Mary K. Bower .....	1864-	
d. Viola K. Bower .....	1866-1867	
e. Herbert Bower .....	1870-	
f. John Bower .....	1877-	
g. Robert Bower .....	1880-	
7. Henry E. Bower .....	1834-1926	New Berlinville, Pa.
a. Erwin Bower .....	1857-1881	
b. Emma Yoder (Erwin) .....	1860-	Reading, Pa.
c. Erilla Herbst (Harris) .....	1861-	Pottstown, Pa.
d. Henry Bower .....	1864-	
e. Ulysses Grant Bower .....	1867-	Boyertown, Pa.
f. Elmer Bower .....	1870-1921	Boyertown, Pa.
g. Warren Bower .....	1872-1896	
h. Flora Hunsberger (David) .....	1874-	Boyertown, Pa.
i. Alice R. Bower .....	1877-	
j. Richard Bower .....	1880-	New Berlinville, Pa.
8. Susannah E. Bower .....	1837-1837	
C. Elizabeth O. Bowman (John L.) .....	1801-1894	Douglas Twp., Pa.
1. Jacob B. Bowman .....	1830-	
Wife - Elizabeth Weiss		
a. Elizabeth Bauer (Aaron) .....	1863-	Douglas Twp., Pa.
D. John O. Bauer .....	1804-1865	Upper Skippack, Pa.
1. Mary Mensch (Rev. Jacob) .....	1831-1906	Skippack Twp., Pa.
2. Rev. Henry S. Bower .....	1836-1909	Harleysville, Pa.
a. Abraham R. Bower .....	1859-1864	Upper Skippack, Pa.
b. Mary R. Bower .....	1861-1864	Upper Skippack, Pa.
c. Barbara R. Bower .....	1863-1865	Upper Skippack, Pa.
d. Elizabeth Metz (Benjamin) .....	1865-	Mainland, Pa.
e. John R. Bower .....	1866-1869	Upper Skippack, Pa.
f. Aaron R. Bower .....	1869-1949	Telford Pa.
g. Katie Alderfer (Abraham) .....	1870-	Lansdale, Pa.
h. Annie Derstein (Isaac) .....	1875-1895	Harleysville, Pa.
E. Henry O. Bauer .....	1807-1867	Douglass Twp., Pa.
1. Joel B. Bower .....	1840-1933	Boyertown, Pa.
a. Henry Bower .....	1871-1871	
b. Daniel Bower .....	1873-1905	Boyertown, Pa.
c. Jacob Bower .....	1874-1878	Boyertown, Pa.
d. Mary L. Bower .....	1876-	Boyertown, Pa.
e. Abraham Bower .....	1879-	Boyertown, Pa.
f. Samuel Bower .....	1880-1921	Pottstown, Pa.
2. John B. Bower .....	1842-1878	Boyertown, Pa.
a. Ida May Bower .....	1867-1882	Boyertown, Pa.
b. Joanna Y. Bower .....	1870-1888	Boyertown, Pa.
c. Henry Bower .....	1873-1882	Boyertown, Pa.
3. Priscilla B. Ehst (Levi) .....	1846-1907	New Berlinville, Pa.

4. Joanna Rittenhouse (Daniel).....	1849-1884	Franconia Twp., Pa.
5. Daniel B. Bower .....	1851-1913	Boyertown, Pa.
a. Thomas Bower .....	1878-1897	Boyertown, Pa.
b. Howard Bower .....	1885-	Boyertown, Pa.
6. Elizabeth B. Bechtel (John).....	1854-1927	Boyertown, Pa.
V. Elizabeth Z. Latshaw (Abraham).....	1776-1869	Bally, Pa.
A. Samuel B. Latshaw .....	1797-1882	Bally, Pa.
B. Abraham B. Latshaw .....	1798-1818	Bally, Pa.
C. Anna Bowman (John M.) .....	1801-1853	
D. Rev. John B. Latshaw .....	1804-1878	Coventry, Pa.
E. Elizabeth Bechtel (Abraham) .....	1806-1864	Bally, Pa.
F. Jacob B. Latshaw .....		
G. Henry B. Latshaw .....		
H. David B. Latshaw .....	1817-1840	
I. Catherine Johnson (Isaac) .....		Douglas Twp., Pa.
VI. Samuel Z. Bauer .....	1778-1873	Mt. Hope, Ohio
Wife - Barbara Bear .....	1778-1857	Mt. Hope, Ohio
A. Rev. Jacob B. Bauer .....	1802-1867	Owen County, Ind.
1st Wife - Anne Gardner .....	1802-1835	Wayne County, Ohio
1. Samuel G. Bowers .....	1825-1881	Highland, Kansas
2. John G. Bauer .....	1826-1905	Bloomfield, Ind.
3. Barbara Roland (John K.) .....	1828-	Holmes County, Ohio
4. Mary G. Bauer .....	1830-1830	Mt. Eaton, Ohio
5. Lydia Nydegger (Edward F.).....	1833-1909	Holmes County, Ohio
6. Elizabeth G. Bauer .....	1835-1849	Mt. Eaton, Ohio
2nd Wife - Catherine Durstine.....	1806-1879	Owen County, Ind.
7. Henry D. Bower .....	1839-1913	Columbus, Kansas
8. Leah Kauble (John B.) .....	1841-1921	Weir, Kansas
9. Jacob D. Bauer .....	1842-1843	Longenecker Church, Ohio
10. Sarah Oberholtzer (Samuel).....	1844-1915	Bowling Green, Ind.
11. Levi D. Bower .....	1846-1860	Owen County, Ind.
12. Eli D. Bower .....	1848-1919	Casey, Ill.
B. Susannah Tinstman (Mark) .....	1803-1886	Locke, Ind.
1. Barbara Heller (.....)		
2. Samuel Tinstman .....		Died in Mexican War
3. Henry Tinstman .....		
4. Catherine McCoy (.....)	1830-	
5. Mary Parcell (John) .....	1831-1910	Locke, Ind.
6. John Tinstman .....	1834-	Locke, Ind.
7. Joseph Tinstman .....		Died in Civil War
8. Albert Tinstman .....	1842-	Nappanee, Ind.
C. John B. Bowers .....	1804-1862	Mt. Eaton, Ohio
1st Wife - Lydia Gardner .....	1806-1849	Wayne County, Ohio
1. Joseph Bowers .....	1828-1920	Dundee, Ohio
2. Samuel Bowers .....	1830-1906	Dakota, Ill.
3. Jacob Bowers .....	1833-1921	Canaan, Ohio
4. Mary Reynolds (John) .....	1835-	Williams Co., Ohio
5. Susan Purcell (John) .....	1837-1906	Doylestown, Ohio
6. Lydia Bear (John) .....	1839-1903	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
7. Barbara Bowers .....	1840-1840	Mt. Eaton, Ohio



8. John Bowers .....	1842-1925	Dundee, Ohio
9. Henry Bowers .....	1845-1909	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
10. Levi Bowers .....	1846-1930	Wadsworth, Ohio
2nd Wife - Nancy Chaney .....		Doylestown, Ohio
3rd Wife - Catherine Hartman Palmer .....	1800-1862	Smithville, Ohio
D. Lydia Shoup (John) .....	1815-1834	Holmes County, Ohio
1. John Shoup .....	1834-1834	Holmes County, Ohio
VII. Anna Z. Oberholtzer (Abraham) .....	1781-1869	Nashville, Ohio
A. Samuel B. Oberholtzer .....	1802-1880	Owen County, Ind.
B. Henry B. Oberholtzer .....	1803-1898	Levering, Ohio
C. Abraham B. Oberholtzer .....	1807-1889	Nashville, Ohio
D. Jacob B. Oberholtzer .....	1808-1895	Nashville, Ohio
E. Catherine Arnold (Solomon) .....	1812-1879	Nashville, Ohio
F. Elizabeth B. Oberholtzer .....	1815-1816	
G. Sarah B. Oberholtzer .....	1818-1898	Nashville, Ohio
H. John B. Oberholtzer .....	1820-1838	Nashville, Ohio
VIII. Andrew Z. Bauer .....	1784-1864	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Elizabeth Bechtel .....	1783-1844	Bally, Pa.
A. Elizabeth Shelly (Joseph) .....	1809-1889	Milford Square, Pa.
1. Rev. Andrew B. Shelly .....	1834-1913	Milford Square, Pa.
B. Anna B. Bowman (Jacob) .....	1811-1905	Congo, Pa.
C. Susannah Clemmer (John) .....	1813-1900	Bally, Pa.
D. Jacob B. Bauer .....	1814-1857	Bally, Pa.
1. Andrew Bauer .....	1841-1847	Bally, Pa.
2. Elizabeth Zuber (James) .....	1840-1908	Boyertown, Pa.
3. Jonathan Bauer .....		
4. Jacob Bauer .....		
5. Henry B. Bauer .....	1850-1912	Huff's Church, Pa.
a. Calvin Bauer .....	1870-1943	Huff's Church, Pa.
b. Henry Bauer .....		Boyertown, Pa.
c. John Bauer .....	1876-1930	Bally, Pa.
d. Elizabeth Fox (Frank) .....	1878-1930	Huff's Church, Pa.
e. Elmer Bauer .....	1885-1916	Huff's Church, Pa.
f. Minnie Schueck (Clinton) .....	1889-	Coopersburg, Pa.
6. William Bauer .....	1855-1886	Bally, Pa.
7. Catherine Bauer .....		
E. Andrew B. Bauer .....	1817-1904	Bally, Pa.
1. Catherine Schantz ( ) .....	1843-	Hosensack, Pa.
2. Elizabeth Bauer .....	1844-1852	
3. John L. Bauer .....	1846-1917	Bally, Pa.
a. Irvin Bauer .....	1871-1941	Bally, Pa.
b. Laura Bauer .....	1875-1948	Bally, Pa.
c. Anna Berky (Elmer) .....	1879-1943	Boyertown, Pa.
4. Andrew L. Bauer .....	1850-1871	Congo, Pa.
5. Jacob L. Bauer .....	1852-1912	Sassamansville, Pa.
a. Anna Bauer .....	1882-	Sassamansville, Pa.
b. Amanda Weiss (Rueben) .....	1884-	Sassamansville, Pa.
c. Ellen Rosenberger (Oscar) .....	1889-	Sassamansville, Pa.
6. Aaron L. Bauer .....	1859-1942	Congo, Pa.
a. Andrew B. Bauer .....	1884-	Gouglersville, Pa.

b. Mary B. Bauer .....	1889-	Philadelphia, Pa.
c. Samuel B. Bauer .....	1890-	Prospect Park, Pa.
d. Katie Lutz (Cyrus) .....	1893-	Congo, Pa.
e. John B. Bauer .....	1895-	Urbana, Ohio
f. Irvin B. Bauer .....	1896-	Windham, Ohio
g. Harvey L. Bauer .....	1907-	Pottstown, Pa.
F. Catherine B. Bauer .....	1822-1841	Bally, Pa.
IX. Christopher Z. Bauer .....	1788-1795	Bally, Pa.



## THE REV. JACOB BEAR BAUER LINEAGE

### Key

1st Generation Hans Bauer .....	1670-1749	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Anne Willener .....	1677-	Bally, Pa.
2nd Generation Samuel W. Bauer .....	1708-1762	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Barbara Landis .....	-1800	Bally, Pa.
3rd Generation Samuel L. Bauer .....	1746-1822	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Elizabeth P. Ziegler .....	1746-1840	Bally, Pa.
4th Generation Samuel Z. Bauer .....	1778-1873	Mt. Hope, Ohio
Wife - Barbara Bear .....	1778-1857	Holmes County, Ohio
5th Generation Rev. Jacob B. Bauer .....	1802-1867	Owen County, Ind.
1st Wife - Anne Gardner .....	1802-1835	Wayne County, Ohio
2nd Wife - Catherine Durstine .....	1806-1879	Owen County, Ind.
6th Generation marked I, II, III, IV, etc.		
7th Generation marked A, B, C, D, E, etc.		
8th Generation marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.		
9th Generation marked a, b, c, d, e, etc.		

I. Samuel G. Bowers .....	1825-1881	Highland, Kansas
1st Wife - Sarah Bayes .....	1829-1850	Holmes County, Ohio
A. Wesley B. Bowers .....	1850-1920	Highland, Kansas
2nd Wife - Martha Dillon .....	1832-1879	Highland, Kansas
B. Lewis D. Bowers .....	1853-1928	Boise, Idaho
1. Helen Moore (Guy) .....	1891-	Atlanta, Ga.
C. Charles D. Bowers .....	1855-1927	Wichita, Kansas
1. Florence Gill (Jay) .....	1888-	Wichita, Kansas
2. Marguerite Petrie (Judson).....		
D. Henry D. Bowers .....	1858-1934	New Philadelphia, O.
1. Rev. Roy Bowers .....	1878-	Trenton, New Jersey
a. Richard Bowers .....	1912-	Chicago, Ill.
2. Charles Bowers .....	1882-	New Phila., Ohio
3. Jessie McGiffin (Russell) .....	1886-	Dickinson, Pa.
4. Leah Ludwig (Karl) .....	1889-	Dalton, Ohio
a. Donovan Ludwig .....	1910-	Kansas City, Mo.
5. Russell Bowers .....	1891-	New Phila., Ohio
a. Henry T. Bowers .....	1922-	New Phila., Ohio
b. Joy Retzler (Charles) .....	1927-	New Phila., Ohio
E. Alcid D. Bowers .....	1860-1949	Highland, Kansas
1. Edith Naill (Oscar) .....	1882-	Gower, Mo.
a. Gladys Kettner (Arthur) .....	1902-	Washington, D. C.
b. Erma Lilley (Clarence) .....	1910-	Panama City, Fla.
c. David Naill .....	1919-	Gower, Mo.
d. Alcid Naill .....	1921-	Gower, Mo.
e. John Naill .....	1923-	Gower, Mo.
2. Nora Winkler (Karl) .....	1885-	Des Moines, Iowa
a. Valeria Griffith (Gerald).....	1912-	Des Moines, Iowa
b. Karl Winkler .....	1915-	Des Moines, Iowa
3. Edgar Bowers .....	1890-	Glenshaw, Pa.

4. Nellie Hall Buell (John) .....	1891-	Durand, Mich.
a. Lester Hall .....	1912-	Durand, Mich.
b. Florence Taylor (John) .....	1920-	Boston, Mass.
5. Alcid Bowers .....	1898-	St. Joseph, Mo.
6. Delinda Alexander (Joseph) .....	1900-	San Francisco, Cal.
a. Ruth Burney (Luther) .....	1921-	Riverside, Cal.
b. Nellie Fadely (Donald) .....	1925-	San Francisco, Cal.
c. Claire Jorgenson .....	1929-	San Francisco, Cal.
F. Mary Bowers .....	1862-1864	Dundee, Ohio
G. Harrison Bowers .....	1864-1864	Dundee, Ohio
H. Carrie Growt (Louis) .....	1871-	Summit, N. J.
1. Bowers Growt .....	1891-	Addison, Mich.
2. Verna MacNair (Walter) .....	1897-	Summit, N. J.
I. Mattie Evans (.....) .....	1873-1925	New York City
1. Cowden Evans .....		New York City
2. Hugh Evans .....	1903-	New York City
II. John G. Bauer .....	1826-1905	Bloomfield, Ind.
1st Wife - Elizabeth Balmer .....	-1851	Wayne County, Ohio
A. Angeline Van Slyke (Edward) .....	1851-	Bloomfield, Ind.
2nd Wife - Hannah Monesmith .....	1829-1860	Steuben County, Ind.
B. Abigail Sheehy (S. Mack) .....	1854-1908	Bloomfield, Ind.
1. Leo Sheehy .....	1884-	Dugger, Ind.
2. Everett Sheehy .....	1886-1950	Palmetto, Fla.
C. Catherine Bauer .....	1856-1867	Mineral, Ind.
D. Levi J. Bauer .....	1860-1921	Bloomfield, Ind.
1. Ruth Jamison (Olis G.) .....	1896-	Terre Haute, Ind.
a. Mary Fox (William) .....	1925-	Lebanon, Ind.
b. Virginia Whitcomb (David) .....	1926-	Dayton, Ohio
2. Sceva Marley (Ray E.) .....	1898-	Houston, Texas
a. Clara A. Marley .....	1921-	Houston, Texas
b. Betty Smith (Robert) .....	1924-	Houston, Texas
c. Beverly Alexander (James) .....	1926-	Houston, Texas
3. Edith Cogswell (William) .....	1902-	Bloomington, Ind.
3rd Wife - Susannah Schrantz .....	1842-1920	Bloomfield, Ind.
E. Henry S. Bauer .....	1864-1866	Bloomfield, Ind.
F. Elizabeth Jarvis (Wright) .....	1867-1889	Switz City, Ind.
1. Ivor Jarvis .....	1889-	Brazil, Ind.
G. Daisy Van Deventer (Simon) .....	1875-	Bloomfield, Ind.
1. Huldah Van Deventer .....	1899-	Bloomfield, Ind.
2. John Van Deventer .....	1901-	Peora, Ill.
3. Furl Van Deventer .....	1903-	Richmond, Ind.
III. Barbara Roland (John K.) .....	1828-	Holmes County, Ohio
IV. Mary G. Bauer .....	1830-1830	Wayne County, Ohio
V. Lydia Nydegger (Edward F.) .....	1833-1909	Trail, Ohio
VI. Elizabeth G. Bauer .....	1835-1849	Longenecker Church, Ohio



VII. Henry D. Bower .....	1839-1913	Columbus, Kansas
Wife - Elizabeth Kettering .....	1840-1893	Columbus, Kansas
A. Eli Bower .....	1861-1948	Waldron, Ind.
1. Elizabeth Palmer (Ray E.) .....	1888-	Lakewood, Ohio
a. Frederick Palmer .....	1911-1932	Marion, Ind.
b. Robert Palmer .....	1916-1917	Marion, Ind.
c. Ruth M. Palmer .....	1922-	Charleston, W. Va.
2. Jennie Briley (Edgar) .....	1891-1916	Shelbyville, Ind.
a. Wayne Briley .....	1914-	Shelbyville, Ind.
3. Ernest Bower .....	1894-	Shelbyville, Ind.
a. Mary L. Bower .....	-	Indianapolis, Ind.
4. Fern Hiatt (Wayne) .....	1895-	San Francisco, Cal.
a. Elizabeth Bell (.....) .....	1918-	Iowa City, Iowa
b. Marjorie Burnett (J. J.) .....	1920-	San Francisco, Cal.
c. Dorothy Popkes (L. R.) .....	1922-	San Francisco, Cal.
5. Flora Peek (William) .....	1897-	Waldron, Ind.
a. Virginia Lux (Leo) .....	1918-	Waldron, Ind.
b. Richard Peek .....	1920-1940	Waldron, Ind.
6. Harry D. Bower .....	1899-	Tavares, Fla.
B. Jacob Bower .....	1862-1941	Baxter Springs, Kan.
1. Mildred Sedgwick (Ernest) .....	1894-	Greenup, Ill.
a. Waneta Catey (William) .....	1913-	Bloomington, Ill.
b. Cleo Sedgwick .....	1915-	Greenup, Ill.
c. Marjorie Banguss (George) .....	1922-	Greenup, Ill.
2. Margaret Botsford (Rush) .....	1896-	Columbus, Kansas
3. Elsa Lacen (John) .....	1898-	Baxter Springs, Kan.
a. George Lacen .....	1921-	Baxter Springs, Kan.
b. Roy Lacen .....	1925-	Baxter Springs, Kan.
c. Erma Lacen .....	1929-	Baxter Springs, Kan.
4. Arthur Bower .....	1900-	Blue Jacket, Okla.
a. Rex Bower .....	1938-	Blue Jacket, Okla.
5. Henry Bower .....	1903-	Columbus, Kansas
a. Darrell Bower .....	1935-	Columbus, Kansas
b. Nancy Lou Bower .....	1938-	Columbus, Kansas
6. Walter Bower .....	1907-	Columbus, Kansas
a. Evelyn Bower .....	1930-	Columbus, Kansas
b. Richard Bower .....	1932-	Columbus, Kansas
c. Margaret Bower .....	1934-	Columbus, Kansas
C. Martha Schultz (Lewis) .....	1864-1945	Columbus, Kansas
1. Jessie Schultz .....	1887-	
2. William Schultz .....	1888-1942	Garden City, Kan.
3. Henry Schultz .....	1891-	Galena, Kansas
4. Seba W. Schultz .....	1890-	Edinburg, Texas
5. Della Pauley (Harry) .....	1893-	Ottisville, Mich.
6. Lewis Schultz .....	1895-1896	Columbus, Kansas
7. John Schultz .....	1897-1948	Harlington, Texas
8. Samuel Schultz .....	1900-	
9. Hester Fulkerson (Wheaton) .....	1902-	Columbus, Kansas
10. Gladys Brann (M.) .....	1904-	Kansas City, Mo.
D. Catherine McConalogue (James) .....	1865-1935	Scammon, Kansas
1. James McConalogue .....	1896-1911	Scammon, Kansas

E. Margaret Wright (William)	1867-1911	Weir, Kansas
1. Glen Wright	1888-	Chetopa, Kansas
2. Rosetta Nevins (William)	1890-1915	Weir, Kansas
3. Charles Wright	1892-	Independence, Kansas
4. Gertrude Elmore (George)	1894-	Columbus, Kansas
5. Floyd Wright	1895-1898	
F. Rosetta Schultz (Samuel)	1869-1940	Columbus, Kansas
G. John H. Bower	1872-1875	
H. Lucy Jarrett (Scott)	1875-1952	Baxter Springs, Kan.
1. Bertha Ribble (Thomas)	1904-	Kansas City, Kan.
2. Jennie Newbold (C. L.)	1906-	Kansas City, Kan.
3. Henry Jarrett	1907-	Columbus, Kansas
I. Elizabeth Bower	1875-1875	
J. Samuel Bower	1880-1880	
VIII. Leah Kauble (John B.)	1841-1921	Weir, Kansas
A. Sarah Schiver (Andrew)	1862-1933	Casey, Ill.
B. Laura Baldwin (Thomas)	1863-	Galesburg, Ill.
C. Jacob Kauble	1865-	Greencastle, Ind.
D. Eleanor Alderson (John)	1867-	Crestline, Kansas
E. John Kauble	1868-	California
F. Abraham Kauble	1871-1952	Cherryvale, Kansas
G. Alice Alexander (Grant)	1873-1939	Bartlesville, Okla.
H. Belle Harris (Woodson)	1876-	Oklahoma
I. Clara Long (Joseph)	1879-1919	Ord, Nebr.
J. Lillie Kauble	1881-1893	Weir, Kansas
IX. Jacob D. Bower	1842-1843	Longenecker Church, Ohio
X. Sarah Oberholtzer (Samuel)	1844-1915	Bowling Green, Ind.
A. Catherine Oberholtzer	1862-1863	Bowling Green, Ind.
B. Milton Oberholtzer	1864-1934	Bowling Green, Ind.
1. Edith Jarvis (Ivor)	1886-	Brazil, Ind.
C. Anna Oberholtzer	1865-1865	Bowling Green, Ind.
D. Rufus Oberholtzer	1866-1935	Bowling Green, Ind.
E. John Oberholtzer	1868-1939	Bowling Green, Ind.
F. Abraham Oberholtzer	1870-1887	Bowling Green, Ind.
G. Bertha Norman (Samuel)	1878-1947	Bowling Green, Ind.
XI. Levi D. Bower	1846-1860	Owen County, Ind.
XII. Eli D. Bower	1848-1919	Casey, Ill.
Wife - Sarah Hostetler	1849-1909	Casey, Ill.
A. Elizabeth Bower	1873-1946	Casey, Ill.
B. John Bower	1876-	Casey, Ill.
1. Sarah Daniel (A. M.)	1899-	Casey, Ill.
a. Betty Smith (E.W.)	1921-	
b. Mary Cary (Donald)	1926-	
2. Harold Bower	1901-1904	Casey, Ill.
C. Bruce Bower	1883-	Casey, Ill.
1. Faye Kemper (Joel)	1908-	Casey, Ill.
a. Ruth I. Kemper	1936-	
b. William Kemper	1937-	



2. Ruth Coartney (Cyril) .....	1910-	Ashmore, Ill.
a. Carolyn Coartney .....	1943-	
b. Cyril Coartney .....	1946-	
3. Exil E. Bower .....	1911-	Charleston, Ill.
a. Gene Bower .....	1943-	
b. Dennis Bower .....	1946-	
4. Pauline Lacey (Dale) .....	1913-	Casey, Ill.
a. Infant .....	1942-1942	
b. Joan Lacey .....	1947-	
5. Dorothy Cox (Marion) .....	1915-	Charleston, Ill.
a. Connie Cox .....	1948-	
6. Crystal Ralston (Alvin) .....	1918-	Charleston, Ill.
a. Rhea Ralston .....	1940-	
b. Linda Ralston .....	1942-	
D. Walter Bower .....	1885-	Casey, Ill.
E. Furl Bower .....	1886-	Casey, Ill.
F. Lilly Brown (Walter) .....	1888-	Casey, Ill.
1. Lorena Ramsay (Vernon) .....	1910-	Casey, Ill.
a. Jerry Ramsay .....	1936-	
b. Jean Ramsay .....	1941-	
c. William Ramsay .....	1945-	
2. Elberta Hawkins (Glen) .....	1913-	Casey, Ill.
a. Ronald Hawkins .....	1938-	
b. Jane Hawkins .....	1942-	
3. Theron Brown .....	1914-	Martinsville, Ill.
a. Walter Brown .....	1940-	
b. Kenneth Brown .....	1944-	
c. Lemont Brown .....	1947-	
4. Kenneth Brown .....	1919-	Cisne, Ill.
G. Herman Bower .....	1891-	Casey, Ill.
1. Victor Bower .....	1914-	Casey, Ill.
a. Victor L. Bower .....	1948-	
2. Mary Bower .....	1916-	Casey, Ill.
3. Freda Bower .....	1925-	Springfield, Ill.
4. Neva F. Bower .....	1928-	Denver, Colo.

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1st Generation Hans Bauer .....	1670-1749	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Anne Willener .....	1677-	Bally, Pa.
2nd Generation Samuel W. Bauer .....	1708-1762	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Barbara Landis .....	-1800	Bally, Pa.
3rd Generation Samuel L. Bauer .....	1746-1822	Bally, Pa.
Wife - Elizabeth P. Ziegler .....	1746-1840	Bally, Pa.
4th Generation Samuel Z. Bauer .....	1778-1873	Mt. Hope, Ohio
Wife - Barbara Bear .....	1778-1857	Holmes County, Ohio
5th Generation John B. Bowers .....	1804-1862	Mt. Eaton, Ohio
1st Wife - Lydia Gardner .....	1806-1849	Wayne County, Ohio
3rd Wife - Catherine Palmer .....	1800-1862	Smithville, Ohio
6th Generation marked I, II, III, IV, etc.		
7th Generation marked A, B, C, D, E, etc.		
8th Generation marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.		
9th Generation marked a, b, c, d, e, etc.		

I. Joseph Bowers .....	1828-1920	Dundee, Ohio
Wife - Caroline Groop .....	1830-1918	Dundee, Ohio
A. George Bowers .....	1852-1918	Dover, Ohio
1. Joseph Bowers .....	-1933	Dundee, Ohio
2. Mary Bowers .....		
3. Edward Bowers .....	1883-1883	
4. Anna Bowers .....	1889-	
B. Harriet Lehner (.....) .....	1854-1879	Dundee, Ohio
1. Ida Lehner .....	1879-1879	Dundee, Ohio
2. Clara Lehner .....	1879-1893	Winesburg, Ohio
C. Ellen Egger (Adolph) .....	1857-1925	Spokane, Wash.
1. Frank Egger .....	1879-1949	Garden Grove, Cal.
2. Lena Rendall (Clifford) .....	1880-	San Diego, Cal.
3. Edward Egger .....	1882-	Spokane, Wash.
4. William Egger .....	1884-	Fresno, Cal.
D. Charlotte Overholt (Harvey) .....	1860-1945	Akron, Ohio
1. Minnie Zurschmidt (Christian) .....	1881-1951	Akron, Ohio
2. Ida Koons (Emmanuel) .....	1883-	Greensburg, Ohio
3. Nora Cecil (William) .....	1885-	Barberton, Ohio
4. Clarence Overholt .....	1887-	Akron, Ohio
5. Grace Wilson (Melvin) .....	1889-	Akron, Ohio
6. Rev. Arthur Overholt .....	1891-	Alliance, Ohio
7. Frank Overholt .....	1894-	Akron, Ohio
8. Bertha Stivers (Dewey) .....	1898-	Barberton, Ohio
E. Lorinda Carmany (Albert) .....	1862-	Manchester, Ohio
1. Ernest Carmany .....	1891-	Akron, Ohio
2. Joseph Carmany .....	1893-	Manchester, Ohio
3. Alma Sturdivant (Fielden) .....	1895-	Manchester, Ohio
4. Carrie Wolfe (Thomas) .....	1897-	Canal Fulton, Ohio
5. Ethel Sawyer (Frank) .....	1899-	Manchester, Ohio
6. Floyd Carmany .....	1902-	Manchester, Ohio
7. Senora Shetler (Niles) .....	1904-	Akron, Ohio
F. Senora Weiss (Nicholas) .....	1864-1944	Dundee, Ohio
1. Frank Weiss .....	1890-1935	Akron, Ohio



a. Ruby Weiss .....	1917-	Akron, Ohio
b. Marjorie Weiss .....	1917-	Akron, Ohio
c. Donna M. Weiss .....	1929-	Akron, Ohio
2. Walter Weiss .....	1891-	Dundee, Ohio
a. Richard Weiss .....	1916-1927	Dundee, Ohio
b. Bertha M. Lamb (John) .....	1920-	Orlando, Fla.
3. Joseph Weiss .....	1893-1950	Akron, Ohio
a. Ilo Weiss .....	1918-1921	Dundee, Ohio
4. Nicholas Weiss .....	1895-1936	Albion, Mich.
a. Robert Weiss .....	1926-	Albion, Mich.
b. William Weiss .....	1929-	Albion, Mich.
5. Bertha Allen (William) .....	1896-	Fresnillo, Mexico
a. Jean Robinson (David) .....	1925-	Chicago, Ill.
b. William Allen .....	1932-1933	Fresnillo, Mexico
6. Lister Weiss .....	1898-	Akron, Ohio
a. Dorothy Grabiell (Charles) .....	1927-	Akron, Ohio
b. Larry Weiss .....	1929-	Akron, Ohio
c. Judy Weiss .....	1943-	Akron, Ohio
G. Oliver Bowers .....	1867-	Akron, Ohio
1. Paul Bowers .....	1905-	Akron, Ohio
a. Paul Bowers .....	1931-	Akron, Ohio
b. Carol Bowers .....	1942-	Akron, Ohio
c. Thomas Bowers .....	1944-	Akron, Ohio
d. James Bowers .....	1948-	Akron, Ohio
H. Anna King (Frank) .....	1869-1952	LaGrande, Ore.
I. Joseph Bowers .....	1872-1872	Dundee, Ohio
J. Thomas Bowers .....	1872-1952	Barberton, Ohio
1. Edward Bowers .....	1900-1900	
2. Lester Bowers .....	1902-	Barberton, Ohio
a. Richard Bowers .....	1927-	Barberton, Ohio
b. Wauneta Richey (Kelly) .....	1929-	Barberton, Ohio
c. Donald Bowers .....	1930-	Barberton, Ohio
3. Anna Daily (Herbert) .....	1905-	Manchester, Ohio
a. Leonard Daily .....	1932-	Manchester, Ohio
b. Pauline Daily .....	1938-	Manchester, Ohio
c. Wayne Daily .....	1944-	Manchester, Ohio
II. Samuel Bowers .....	1830-1906	Dakota, Ill.
1st Wife - Lucretia Kilgore .....	-1862	Wooster, Ohio
A. Laura Weis (Henry) .....	1861-1896	Marion, Iowa
1. George Weis .....	1888-	Muscatine, Iowa
2. Clement Weis .....	1890-	Marion, Iowa
3. Roy Weis .....	1893-	Alhambra, Cal.
4. Myrtle Williams (Lloyd) .....	1894-	Hawthorne, Cal.
2nd Wife - Paulina Ley .....	1846-1939	Dakota, Ill.
B. Charles Bowers .....	1866-1938	Garden City, Kan.
1. Ray Bowers .....	1892-	Pomona, Cal.
a. Vivian Dunavant (J. K.) .....	1916-	Garden City, Kan.
b. Margaret Webb (Kenneth) .....	1920-	Garden City, Kan.
c. Doris Mitochka (Joseph) .....	1925-	Pomona, Cal.

2. Ruth Rentz (James) .....	1896-	St. Louis, Mo.
a. Dorothy Wieduwilt (Robert) .....	1916-	Venago, Nebr.
b. James Rentz .....	1918-	St. Louis, Mo.
3. Flossie Hurst (Clyde) .....	1901-	Grand Junction, Colo.
a. Clyde Hurst .....	1920-	Washington, D. C.
b. Roberta Wilson (Willard).....	1921-	St. Francis, Kansas
c. Robert Hurst .....	1922-	Grand Junction, Colo.
d. Jack Hurst .....	1925-	Grand Junction, Colo.
4. Hazel Gardner (Ted) .....	1904-1939	Fowler, Kansas
a. James Gardner .....	1927-	Garden City, Kan.
b. Joan Woodruff (Dale) .....	1930-	Fowler, Kansas
C. Clement Bowers .....	1868-	Dakota, Ill.
D. Ida Greider (John) .....	1869-	Freeport, Ill.
1. Lillian Schrader (Harry) .....	1907-	Freeport, Ill.
2. Susan Elbeck (Whilsey) .....	1910-	Davis, Ill.
E. Frank Bowers .....	1871-	Dakota, Ill.
1. Blanche Bowers .....	1897-1917	Dakota, Ill.
2. Roy Bowers .....	1902-	Dakota, Ill.
a. Rodney Bowers .....	1927-	Dakota, Ill.
b. Lorris Bowers .....	1930-	Dakota, Ill.
c. Donald Bowers .....	1934-	Dakota, Ill.
III. Jacob Bowers .....	1833-1921	Canaan, Ohio
Wife - Rachael Truman .....	1837-1890	Canaan, Ohio
A. Katherine Marshall (Daniel) .....	1855-1939	Canaan, Ohio
1. Mabel Seeley (Charles) .....	1881-	Barberton, Ohio
2. William Marshall .....	1883-	Marshallsville, Ohio
3. Mary Hanna Wright .....	1886-	Burbank, Ohio
B. Webster Bowers .....	1857-1931	Los Angeles, Cal.
C. Clement Bowers .....	1859-1861	Canaan, Ohio
D. Truman Bowers .....	1862-1948	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1. Irene Pedersen (Eric) .....	1891-	Aumsville, Ore.
a. Lorane Martin .....	1925-	Portland, Ore.
b. Anna Pedersen .....	1933-	Aumsville, Ore.
2. Russell Bowers .....	1892-1902	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
3. Florence Jones (Harry) .....	1893-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
a. Howard Jones .....	1913-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
b. Richard Jones .....	1916-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
4. Esther Williams (Glen) .....	1894-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
a. Everett Williams .....	1918-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
b. Donald Williams .....	1921-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
c. Glen Williams .....	1923-1939	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
5. Stanley Bowers .....	1896-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
a. Norman Bowers .....	1929-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
b. Beverly Bowers .....	1930-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
6. Norman Bowers .....	1898-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
7. Matilda Minier (Fred) .....	1900-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
a. Milton Minier .....	1926-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
b. Paul Minier .....	1929-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
c. Florence Minier .....	1934-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
8. Arthur Bowers .....	1901-1927	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
9. Beulah Bryant (Walter) .....	1908-	St. Paul, Minn.



E. William Bowers .....	1865-1867	Canaan, Ohio
F. Delphus Bowers .....	1867-1932	Creston, Ohio
1. Eva Haas (George) .....	1895-	Ypsilanti, Mich.
a. Gloria Lambert (Walter) .....	1924-	Detroit, Mich.
b. Christine Cable (Claude) .....	1926-	Detroit, Mich.
c. George Haas .....	1928-	Detroit, Mich.
d. Mary Haas .....	1932-	Ypsilanti, Mich.
2. Esther George (Clarence) .....	1896-	Lodi, Ohio
a. Josephine Decker (Douglas) .....	1917-	Leroy, Ohio
b. Agnes Dalglish (Blake) .....	1920-	Medina, Ohio
c. Betty Ponting (George) .....	1923-	Chippewa Lake, Ohio
d. Charles George .....	1926-	Lodi, Ohio
e. Donna Meek (Clair) .....	1928-	Lodi, Ohio
f. Glenna Hall (William) .....	1931-	Lodi, Ohio
g. Larry Lee George .....	1939-1939	
h. Sandra Kay George .....	1941-	Lodi, Ohio
3. Glen Bowers.....	1900-	Creston, Ohio
4. Agnes Pfouts (Doyle) .....	1905-	Creston, Ohio
a. Geraldine L. Pfouts .....	1933-	Creston, Ohio
G. Frank Jacob Bowers .....	1870-1942	Canaan, Ohio
1. Oscar Bowers .....	1898-	Orrville, Ohio
a. Sarah Westhafer		
(Benjamin) .....	1924-	Medina, Ohio
b. William Bowers .....	1927-	Wadsworth, Ohio
2. Leo Bowers .....	1901-	Orrville, Ohio
a. Nancy J. Bowers .....	1933-	Orrville, Ohio
b. Shirley A. Bowers .....	1935-	Orrville, Ohio
c. James Bowers .....	1938-	Orrville, Ohio
3. John Bowers .....	1902-	Burbank, Ohio
a. Neal Bowers .....	1926-	Burbank, Ohio
b. Wilbur Bowers .....	1937-	Burbank, Ohio
4. Grace McIlvain (Clarence) .....	1903-	Balboa, Canal Zone
a. Alice Pennington (John) .....	1923-	Texas
b. James McIlvain .....	1925-	Texas
c. Peggy L. McIlvain .....	1929-	Texas
5. Katherine Dixon (Oscar) .....	1910-1942	Wadsworth, Ohio
a. Harold Dixon .....	1930-	Wadsworth, Ohio
b. Virgil Dixon .....	1932-	Wadsworth, Ohio
6. Virgil Bowers .....	1908-	Seattle, Wash.
a. Adeline G. Bowers .....	1939-	Seattle, Wash.
H. Myrtle Teeple (Thomas) .....	1873-	Bishop, Cal.
1. Ruth Norton (Carl) .....	1893-1927	Hollywood, Cal.
2. William Teeple .....	1898-	Bishop, Cal.
I. Gertrude Perry (Edwin) .....	1876-1948	Copley, Ohio
1. Lynn Perry .....	1896-	Copley, Ohio
J. Ernest Bowers .....	1879-1879	Canaan, Ohio
K. Benjamin Bowers .....	1880-1928	Hudson, Ohio
1. Florence Wells (Gettys) .....	1904-	Hudson, Ohio
a. Eugene Wells .....	1926-	Hudson, Ohio
b. Shirley Wells .....	1933-	Hudson, Ohio
c. Ruth Wells .....	1935-	Hudson, Ohio

2. Earl Bowers .....	1907-	Hudson, Ohio
a. Janette Bowers .....	1933-	Hudson, Ohio
b. Glen Bowers .....	1934-	Hudson, Ohio
c. Carole Bowers .....	1939-	Hudson, Ohio
d. George Bowers .....	1942-	Hudson, Ohio
e. Nelson Bowers .....	1947-	Hudson, Ohio
3. Rachel Winters (Melvin) .....	1914-	Hudson, Ohio
a. Donald Winters .....	1937-	Hudson, Ohio
b. Elaine Winters .....	1940-	Hudson, Ohio
c. Nancy Winters .....	1945-	Hudson, Ohio
IV. Mary Reynolds (John) .....	1835-	Williams County, O.
A. John Reynolds .....		
B. Samuel Reynolds .....		
V. Susan Purcell (John) .....	1837-1906	Doylestown, Ohio
A. William Purcell .....	1869-1926	Amherst, Ohio
B. Mary Franks (Harvey) .....	1868-	Dixon, Ill.
VI. Lydia Bear (John) .....	1839-1903	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
A. Malissa Bear .....	1866-1867	Smithville, Ohio
B. William Bear .....	1868-1951	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
C. Samuel Bear .....	1874-	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
VII. Barbara Bowers .....	1840-1840	Mt. Eaton, Ohio
VIII. John Bowers .....	1842-1925	Dundee, Ohio
1st Wife - Catherine Boyd .....	1841-1883	Dundee, Ohio
A. Clara E. Bowers .....	1866-1866	Dundee, Ohio
B. Isadora Johnson (Thomas) .....	1876-1921	Warren, Ohio
1. Otis Johnson .....	1894-	Warren, Ohio
2. Bernice Baker (Emmett) .....	1896-	Rockford, Ill.
C. Lewis Bowers .....	1883-	Rockford, Ill.
1. Dyne Bowers .....	1923-	Rockford, Ill.
a. Janet Louise Bowers .....	1950-	Rockford, Ill.
b. Kathryn Sue Bowers .....	1952-	Rockford, Ill.
2. Dale B. Bowers .....	1926-	Rockford, Ill.
2nd Wife - Julia Ann Bair .....	1830-1922	Winfield, Ohio
IX. Henry Bowers .....	1845-1909	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Wife - Catherine Emmons .....	1847-1898	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
A. Edward Bowers .....	1868-1942	Onondaga, Mich.
1. Mildred Burns (Ivan) .....	1898-	Hastings, Mich.
a. Janet Kenyon (Richard) .....	1923-	Saginaw, Mich.
b. James Burns .....	1929-	Hastings, Mich.
2. Caryll Bowers .....	1900-1903	Onondaga, Mich.
B. Arthur Bowers .....	1870-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
1. Maude Dillingham (Claude) .....	1895-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
a. Leona Paquette (Edwin) .....	1915-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
b. Ashley Dillingham .....	1917-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
c. Richard Dillingham .....	1924-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
d. Alyce Brown (Victor) .....	1926-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
2. Ray Bowers .....	1900-	Leslie, Mich.
a. Flora B. Converse (Max) .....	1918-	Charlotte, Mich.
b. Arlo Bowers .....	1926-	Jackson, Mich.
c. Dale Bowers .....	1928-	Leslie, Mich.



C. Emma Phillips (Orra)	1875-1940	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
1. Floyd Phillips	1895-	Lansing, Mich.
2. Lester Phillips	1898-	Lansing, Mich.
3. Leo Phillips	1903-1922	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
4. Leon Phillips	1903-	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
D. Milton Bowers	1875-	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
1. Lester Bowers	1910-	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
a. Donna Bowers	1934-	
b. Wayne Bowers	1935-	
2. Norma Metkiff (Donald)	1912-	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
a. Deanna Metkiff	1937-	
b. Donald Metkiff	1943-	
3. Leland Bowers	1916-	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
a. Jacqueline Bowers	1939-	
b. Suzanne Bowers	1941-	
c. Craig Bowers	1946-	
4. Edmund Bowers	1917-	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
a. Edmund Bowers	1947-	
b. Nancy Bowers	1950-	
5. Robert Bowers	1922-1922	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
6. Esther Bowers	1925-1934	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
E. Nina Sharp Newlon (James)	1885-	Charlotte, Mich.
1. Doris Lexton (William)	1908-	Lansing, Mich.
2. Velma Derby (Leo)	1912-	Marshall, Mich.
3. Merlin Sharp	1914-	Charlotte, Mich.
4. Agnes Baird (Henry)	1915-	Lansing, Mich.
5. Margaret Meyer (Robert)	1919-	Arlington, Va.
X. Levi Bowers	1846-1930	Wadsworth, Ohio
Wife - Sevilla Smith	1853-1925	Wadsworth, Ohio
A. Emma Bowers	1875-	Akron, Ohio
B. Frank Bowers	1878-	Wadsworth, Ohio
1. Harold Bowers	1916-	Akron, Ohio
a. Michael Bowers	1946-	
b. Harold Bowers	1949-	
2. Martha Kelly (William)	1920-	Akron, Ohio
a. Karen A. Kelly	1947-	
b. Patricia Kelly	1949-	
C. Florence Kintner (Thomas)	1882-	Seville, Ohio
1. L. D. Kintner	1900-	Seville, Ohio
2. Donald Kintner	1912-	Seville, Ohio
D. Ida Norris (Frank)	1884-	Akron, Ohio
1. Lucille Wearley (Ira)	1904-	Akron, Ohio
2. Melba Coffman (Frank)	1906-	Barberton, Ohio
E. Ada Weirath (Charles)	1886-1946	Akron, Ohio
1. William Weirath	1913-	York, Pa.
2. Charles Weirath	1915-	Wadsworth, Ohio
3. Robert Weirath	1916-	Akron, Ohio
4. Harry Weirath	1923-	Wadsworth, Ohio
F. William Bowers	1886-	Akron, Ohio
1. Sally Banham (George)	1922-	Cleveland, Ohio
a. Barry Banham	1943-	Cleveland, Ohio

## END

*Follow our footsteps, men of coming years!  
Where we have failed to do  
Aright, or wisely live,  
Be warned by us, the better way pursue,  
And, knowing we were human, even as you,  
Pity us and forgive!  
Farewell, Posterity!  
Forevermore farewell!*

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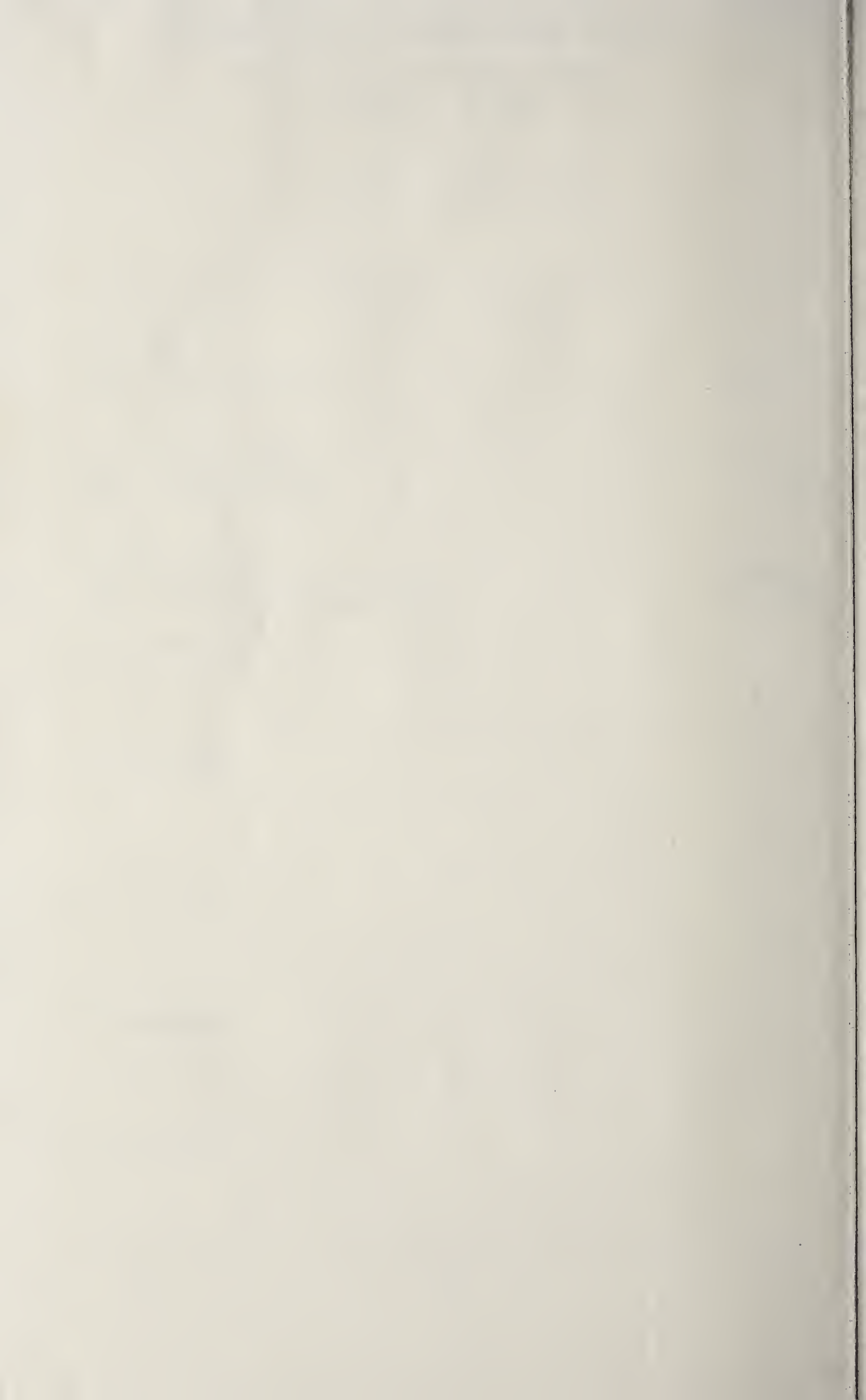
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